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Goulding: Iran visit fruitful

NICOSIA (AP) - Marrack Goulding, assistant secretary-general of the United Nations, was quoted Sunday as saving U.N. observers along the Iran-Iraq border had checked "minor" violations of the Gulf war ceasefire. The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Goulding spoke at a news conference in Tehran after touring western provinces to inspect the U.N. observers. It quoted him as saying the observers have been "largely successful in checking minor violations by convincing both sides to abide by the ceasefire." But he stressed that the mandate of the 350-strong United Nations Iran-Iraq Observer Group (UNHMOG) was restricted to monitoring and reporting developments along the 1,180-kilometre war front. "They are not military forces to carry out military operations," IRNA quoted Goulding as saying. He said he hoped that Iran and Iraq would have reached a comprehensive settlement of their dispute by February, when the observers' six-month mandate expires. Otherwise, he said, their mission will be extended. Goulding flew to Iran Wednesday after a visit to Iraq, where he also inspected U.N. observers stationed on the Iraqi side of the border

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Abu Sharif: PNC to meet in October

RIYADH (R) - A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official was quoted Sunday as saying the Palestine National Council (PNC), expected to declare an independent state, would meet at the end of the month. The Saudi newspaper Okaz quoted Bassam Abu Sharif as saying PNC would meet Oct. 31 or Nov. I — the day Israel is due to hold elections. Abu Sharif, a senior adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, told Okaz that Moscow had not asked the PLO to postpone the PNC meeting.

Turkey wants EEC entry by 1992

BONN (R) - Turkish President Kenan Evren said Sunday be wanted his country to be allowed into the European Economic Community (EEC) by 1992 at the latest, the year when trade barriers within the bloc are due to be lifted. In an interview with the West German newspaper Die Welt, released at the start of a six-day state visit to Bonn, Evren also said Turkey's 10-million strong Kurdish minority should be satisfied with the same rights as other citizens. Evren is due to meet Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genseher for talks which are expected to include discussion of the nearly 1.5 million Turkish workers in West Germany.

Sumgait violence trial at supreme court

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet supreme court plans this week to hear for the first time a case related to ethnic violence between Armenians and Azerbaljanis, a court official said Sunday. The official said the trial would open Tuesday but he could give no details. It will be the first trial before the nation's highest court related to the clashes in the Azerbaijani town of Sumgait last February in which 32 people died in ethnic blood-letting between minority Armenians and majority

SPLA claims taking military outpost

NAIROBI (R) - Rebels in southern Sudan said Sunday they captured the military outpost of Poge, near the Ugandan frontier, killing several soldiers and militiamen. Radio SPLA, the voice of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army, said the outpost fell to rebel forces two weeks ago. The broadcast said local militia commander Atanasio Lalup was among those killed. Two soldiers were captured,

Radicals demand Jayewardene resign

COLOMBO (AP) - Sinhalese radicals opposing the government's peace overtures to Tamil rebels Sunday threatened to disrupt December elections unless President Junius Javewardene resigns. The demand was one of seven made by the extremist People's Liberation Front. It called for the repeal of the provincial system of government that gives political and administrative autonomy to the minority Tamils in the northeastern province. Other demands included the dissolution of parliament, the appointment of a caretaker government, disbandment of all private militia armed by the government and an end to the emergency rule imposed in May 1983. It also wants the government to allow all groups, including militaris, to partici

future elections. U.N. forces block Greek Cypriots

ASTROMERITIS, Cyprus (AP) - Thousands of Greek Cypriot refugees were blocked by United Nations peacekeeping troops Sunday from returning to their former homes in Turkish-occupied north Cyprus. Many, including white-haired grandmothers and little children, managed to brush aside successive lines of peacekeepers and barbed wire barricades to push into the buffer zone splitting the war-divided island. None reached the Turkish lines. Troops of the British contingent of U.N. troops that patrol the zone chased them through orange groves and open fields, rounding them up and marching or carrying them bodily back.

Bhutto unconcerned at rival alliance

KARACHI (R) - Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said Sunday she was not concerned that her main rivals had joined forces to light her in next month's elections. "We are not afraid of anyone," the 35-year-old opposition leader told reporters. "We will certainly win the elections." The two quarrelling factions of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (PML) said Friday they had buried their differences and reunited under former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo. Each faction had formed an alliance with other parties and talks were held Sunday to see whether they could all be accommodated in one large anti-Bhutto electoral pact.

40 Afghan rebel casualties reported

MOSCOW (AP) - Forty rebels were killed or wounded in clashes with government troops in southern Afghanistan, and Kabul filed its 100th protest alleging truce violations by Pakistan, TASS said Sunday. Three other armed insurgents were taken prisoner during the Saturday fighting in Kandahar province, near the Pakistan border, the news agency said in a dispatch from Kabul. TASS also quoted Afghanistan's official Bakhtar news agency as reporting a shootout between rebel factions over booty in Laghman province near Kabul. The Afghan Foreign Ministry sent its note of protest to the U.N. observers monitoring the U.N. brokered agreement designed to stop the fighting in Alghanistan, TASS said.

Pope John Paul marks 10th anniversary

VATICAN CITY (R) - Thousands of Poles converged on Rome Sunday to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the election of Pope John Paul as the first Polish pontiff in history. Dozens of red and white Polish flags and several banners of the outlawed Solidarity union fluttered in the warm breeze at a sung open-air mass outside St. Peter's Basilica during which the Pope beatified a 19th century Polish

Djibouti president ends Iraq visit

BAGHDAD (AP) - President Hassan Gouled of Djibouti concluded an official visit to Iraq aimed at boosting bilateral relations, Baghdad Radio reported Sunday. The radio said Gouled held a round of talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein which dealt with "close bilateral ties and the situation in the region." Gouled arrived early in the day accompanied by Foreign Minister Ma'moun Bahdoun and other high-ranking officials. The radio said the two leaders discussed the Gulf war, Islamic issues and the results of the recent meeting of the information ministers of Islamic countries held in Saudi Arabia.

Shamir contacts Ethiopia on Jewish emigration

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has held contacts with Ethiopian authorities in an attempt to spur more Jewish emigration to Israel, army radio reported Sunday. Shamir revealed the contacts during an election campaign tour Saturday night, the radio reported. Yossi Ahimeir, Shamir's spokesman, confirmed in a telephone interview that Shamir said he was holding contacts with the Ethiopian government.

Pledges austerity measures on government

Rifai urges public participation in economic effort

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Economics Correspondent

AMMAN — Prime Minister Zaid Rifa! Sunday called on citizens to participate in a "collective national effort" to help the Kingdom out of its present economic difficulties and pledged that the government would implement austerity measures on itself to set an example for the private sector.

"There is a waste in our use of foreign currencies," Rifai said in a television interview with two leading economies columnists.

government decision if we want to protect our economic achievement," he said, adding that "the government will begin to implement these policies on itself."

The prime minister said that recent economic, financial and monetary measures adopted by the government were aimed at dealing with the budget deficit and the deficit in the balance of payments, which he described as

"one of our biggest problems." Rifai said that the government's decision to introduce flexibility to the Jordan dinar's ex-"The situation requires a change rate was designed to national effort and not a mere achieve an economic adjustment aimed at balancing the budget

and the balance of payments.

Responding to questions posed by Dr. Fahed Fanek of Al Ra'i and the Jordan Times and Dr. Abdullah Malki of Al Dustour. the prime minister said the recent move did not constitute a floatation of the dinar's exchange rate but that the Central Bank would continue to intervene by fixing the rates closer to those in the

"This flexibility has become a

recessity and is part of the series of policies aimed at enhancing economic adjustment," he said. Rifai said the step could result in a devaluation of the dinar

gainst foreign currencies, and that "in the event of that happening, we expect gains to the country and the economic situation in general. "The decline in the dinar's

exchange rate against (foreign currencies) is not necessarily a negative thing," he explained. "In fact, the positives are much more than the negatives."

He said a devaluation would squeeze imports and increase exports and boost import substitution in addition to enhancing productivity in the various sectors,

This, he added, "does not mean that there are no negative effects. Every economic, financial or monetary decision has its negative and positive effects. The important thing is that the positive effects are more than the negative ones."

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Israel charges Islamic leader with calling 'illegal assembly'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - The Israeli occupation authorities Sunday charged a senior Muslim clergyman with calling an "illegal assembly" in July that erupted into a clash with Israeli soldiers in occupied Jeru-

A Palestinian died in hospital, raising the death toll in the 10month uprising to at least 307 Palestinians.

The latest casualty, 18-year-old Osama Wase Shalabi, died at Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital. Troops shot him in the head during a clash last Monday in Al

Til village in the West Bank. Sheikh Jamal Al Rifai, deputy mufti of Jerusalem, was charged Sunday calling over a loudspeaker for Arab action against Israeli excavations which threatened the

sanctity of Al Aosa Mosque. Police fired tear-gas and rubber bullets to disperse protesters in the ensuing clash, injuring at least 20 Palestinians and arresting

In Israel, a Palestinian collaborator fatally shot two sons of his landlord aged 13 and 17 and critically wounded their 38-yearold mother after the family ordered him to leave a rented flat in a village bordering on the West Bank, two residents said.

Police spokeswoman Yehudit Edri confirmed the casualties. She described the assailant as a policeman originally from a West Bank village near Nablus and said he shot the victims Saturday night during a rent dispute with the landlord. She declined to elabo-

According to the Israeli Yediot Ahronot daily, the assailant, Rifat Odeh, shot his victims in their apartment at a range of two metres and that dozens of police came to quell a protest that ensued in the village of 5,000.

But Palestmians in Jaljoulya who spoke on condition of anonymity said the landlord tried to evict Odeh because he was accused of collaborating with the Israeli authorities against Palesti-

Soldiers erected roadblocks throughout the occupied West Bank Sunday to prevent dozens of Jewish settlers from choking major traffic arteries as a protest against the Palestinian uprising, the army said.

Peres pledges peace conference

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres pledged Sunday that an international Middle East peace conference would Party wins the Nov. I general elections.

whether he would talk to the said. Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) or allow free elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Addressing a foreign press

association lunch, Peres reaffirmed his support for a U.S. proposal, opposed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud bloc, for a peace conference to open talks between Israel and the

"The first thing I intend to do, if I shall be elected prime minister, is to go back to that initiative and call upon the United States, be his first priority if his Labour Jordan, the Palestinians together with other parties to the conflict, to convene as soon as possible an But he evaded questions about international conference." he

> His prepared statement appeared to leave open the possibility of PLO participation by urging the U.N. secretary-general to invite "parties" to the Middle East conflict, rather than the traditional Israeli wording of "states" that effectively excludes the PLO.

Asked whether he was pre-

pared to talk to the PLO if in recognised Israel and renounced violence, he replied: "I admit this is a highly hypothetical ques-

Pressed to make a clearer statement, he said: "I don't think I have a clear question. Why should I refer to a situation that does not exist."

At another point, Peres accused the PLO of backing away from a decision to recognise

"I am ready to make concessions for peace but I'm not ready to bend to violence... the PLO first has to show that they are capable of making a choice," he



King receives Iraqi chief of staff

His Majesty King Hussein Sunday received visiting Iraqi Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Nizar Abdul Karim Faisal, who conveyed to him greetings and best wishes of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The audience (photo above) was attended by Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, the

King's Private Chamberlain His Royal Highness Prince Ali Ibn Nayef, Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb and the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan. Earlier Sunday, the Iraqi chief of staff toured a number of military sites in Jordan.

Hoss appeals for urgent Arab action to settle Lebanese crisis

ABU DHABI (Agencies) --Lebanon's acting Prime Minister Muslims can win a war in Lebas, amid doubts that a successor car. Salim Al Hoss was quoted Sunday as saying his country's crisis would escalate like the Palestinian problem unless the Arab World took urgent action.

"I think we have the right to look forward to an Arab initiative [that matches the extent of the danger besetting Lebanon," the Abu Dhabi newspaper Al Ittihad quoted Hoss as saying.
"I think if our Arab brothers

do not hasten to counter this conspiracy, then they should prepare for a new crisis similar to that of Palestine," he told the

Hoss heads one of two rival governments vying for power in

The other, appointed by outgoing President Amin Gemayel when his term ended last month without a successor having been chosen, is led by army commander Michel Aoun.

Hoss said the appointment of the Aoun administration threatened Lebanon with final

In a separate interview in the paper Sunday, Walid Junblatt, head of Lebanon's Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), said he would fight any rightist attempt to set up a new state.

Lebanon's senior Christian cleric, trying to mediate a solution to the political crisis. appealed Sunday for Lebanese to have faith in their battered country.

"Salvation is inevitable once we renew our faith in Lebanon, Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir told worshippers at mass.

"Lebanon is suffering... they (rival parties) are trying to tear its limbs apart, yet it is still fighting,

resisting and defending itself. "Lebanon has almost bled to death... those knifing it from

within and from abroad are numerous." Steir said. Nabih Berri, leader of Lebanon's largest Amal militia, was

quoted Sunday as saying the crisis could only be overcome if Muslims were given equal political rights with Christians. "We don't want more wars

than those we have had because they will lead us nowhere. We should have one government that will prepare for a quick election, otherwise I see a black future," Berri told the independent Al Diyar newspaper.

justice minister in the Hoss gov-In Damascus, Syrian Defenda ernment. The next victim of the political - would continue unlimited support deadlock could be parliament, for Lebanon antil stability was whose Speaker Hussem Husseini restored

Algeria releases

non," said Berri, who is also

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Schools reopened throughout

Interior Minister Al Hadi Khe-

diri announced a nationwide revi-

sion of electoral lists as a first step

to the Nov. 3 referendum which is

to begin Benjedid's "process of

In the referendum, the citizens

are to be asked to approve a

Algeria Saturday, and complete

minors held in riots "arrested for crimes of opinion."

'Neither the Christians nor the lends his one-year term Tuesday

be chosen

Chadli Benjedid Sunday ordered the release of about 500 minors arrested in last week's revolutind quiet was reported everywhere. suspended the special courts set up to try them.

courts were suspended and the accused still held will "benefit fully of the rights of defence in accordance with the law," the government announced.

All hearings before the special

"No judgment will be pronounced other than in the strict respect of legality."

Altogether, more than 3,000 persons were reported arrested during the troubles, mostly for

looting and acts of vandalism. In addition to the minors, the government also ordered the release of all those not directly

involved in the revolt, and those

revision of the constitution making the future prime minister answerable to the parliament. Other, more far-reaching reforms are to be discussed by the national congress of the ruling National Liberation Front in December.

democratisation."

No one has publicly proposed the introduction of a multi-party system, other than various opposition groups based abroad.

Probe finds sabotage in Zia airplane crash

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — A Pakistani inquiry has concluded that the plane crash that killed President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq Aug. 17 was caused by sabotage, a government spokesman said Sunday.

But Defence Ministry Secretary Ijlal Haider Zaidi told a news conference the technical inquiry by the Pakistan air force did not reach a definite conclusion as to how it was done.

Zaidi said the crash of the C-130 transport plane which killed Zia, U.S. Ambassador Arnold Raphel and several Pakistani generals was a "criminal act of highly sophisticated sabotage." Thirty people died in the plane

crash near the Punjab province town of Bahawalpur. Zaidi said the inquiry report had ruled out a technical fault as

the cause of the crash. He said a meeting of acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan's cabinet Sunday had accepted the inquiry board's report and de-

cided to make it public.

Another inquiry would be held now on the basis of the board's recommendations to "identify various aspects of the act of sabotage," he said.

Inquiry chief Air Commodore Abbas Mirza told Sunday's news conference the board had concluded that the crash was "a criminal act of sabotage perpetrated in the aircraft.

He said the board had ruled out the possibility that a missile had hit the plane or any structural defects as causes of the crash.

In the absence of any official report on the case, rumour and speculation had flourished. The crash has been widely assumed to have been an assassination.

EEC: Time not yet right for Arafat meeting

IOANNINA. Greece (Agencies) - European Economic Community foreign ministers, trying to forge a common response to the prospect of a self-proclaimed Palestinian state, agreed Sunday the time was not right for a meeting with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman

Yasser Arafut. The 12 ministers in informal talks discussed a proposal by the PLO leadership to declare an independent state in the Israelioccupied West Bank and Gaza

"We are certainly ready to face up to a new political situation which could be created," Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias told a news conference parliament in Strasbourg last

after chairing the meeting in northern Greece.

But clear differences emerged over how enthusiastic the community's response should be to the independent state which the Palestine National Council rejected as an interlocutor." (PNC) is expected to declare later this month.

The community has called for the PLO to be associated with Middle East peace talks but many EEC governments refuse to deal with Arafat until the PLO renounces the use of violence and recognises Israel.

Greece enjoys much warmer

relations with the PLO and

Papoulias, who met Arafat dur-

ing his visit to the European

Arafat remained open. "Mr. Arafat showed in Stras-

bourg that he is a credible interlocutor, I don't see how he can be I believe very rapid develop-

ments which depend on the U.S. and Israeli elections as well as on the meeting of the PNC will open the doors for an invitation to Mr. Arafat," he added.

Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez, who also favours the idea, told reporters there were very great differences over an invitation to Arafat. "Now is not suitable time," he added.

Papoulias said in his "personal

month, told the news conference view" the EEC nations might the questions of an invitation to change their attitude towards Arafat after the PNC meeting and the U.S. presidential elec-

> But a British diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe feels "this is not the right time" for the EEC to meet Arafat. First, he said, "Arafat and the PLO must commit themselves to the existence of

Giulio Andreotti, the Italian minister, said the best the EEC could do was to consider giving fresh impetus to the idea of an international peace conference after the U.S. elections.



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A truck carrying Palestinian produce crosses from the occupied West Bank to Jordan. Despite the break in legal and administrative links with the West Bank, Jordan continues to allow Palestinian exports to

the Kingdom and allow the produce free access to the Jordanian market (J.T. file photo)

trative) disengagement (from the West Bank). Now, those who live

in the West Bank get temporary

two-year passports while those in

the East Bank get regular five-year passports. The people who

came from Gaza were different in

the sense that they started getting

temporary passports only recent-

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ment measure has made the

Gazans as well as the West Bank-

ers eligible for temporary two-

The two-year passports are not

different from the regular ones

except for the validity period,

Qatanani noted. The difference,

he said, "is simply because the

disengagement makes the people

Continued issuance of pass-

ports is only one of many facilities

that Jordan continues to extend

to the Palestinian people despite

"We still welcome people from the occupied territories," Qata-

year passports."

Steady steps to disengagement

AMMAN — Jordan, while remaining firmly committed to supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and to playing a key role in efforts for just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, is steadily pursuing implementation of measures designed to reinforce the Palestinian identity of the Israeli-occupied territories in the wake of the Kingdom's decision to sever formal ties with the West Bank.

Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, director-general of the newly-created Department of Palestinian Affairs — formerly the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs - explains the entire process in a nutshell: "Jordan remains committed to supporting the steadfastness of the people in the occupied territories (and) to an active role in the process that will eventually, we hope, lead to a comprehensive peace. So, under these two titles, we still continue to operate in the occupied terri-

While the department's activities essentially "remain the same that were taking place" before Jordan's July 31 announcement of severence of formal links with the West Bank; "it is now in a fully new direction...to give the disengagement its meaning... according to Qatanani.

terview with the Jordan Times earlier this week, Qatanani spoke at length about the functions of the department, which is now part of the Foreign Ministry, since July 31 and emphasised that these were all part of the ongoing process of "translating the disen-

gagement into practice. Qatanani reaffirmed the government's keen interest in upgrading the services offered to

Palestinian refugees and dis- closely with UNRWA and donor placed persons living in the East Bank. "The disengagement measure has changed nothing with regard to the refugees and displaced persons living here in Jorhe said.

Jordan spends about \$12 mil-

lion every year on the camps in addition to continued coordination with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Pales-tine refugees (UNRWA) and donor countries on matters related to services offered to the camps, Qatanani said, "We help (the camp residents) establish certain projects that will make life easier for the people," he said. "We establish electricity network, water projects, clinics, schools, roads and so on...the kind of infrastructure that will provide services needed by the people in the camps."

Recalling a visit last month by Interior Minister Rajai Dajani to several camps Amman and his promise to upgrade services offered to them. Qatanani said: "Some camps have come very near to cities (in proximity). As a matter of fact, they have come within the city limits. The government has been all along inpeople who live in the camps get have a decent living and not to have a great gap between the people in the camps and outside the camps in the surrounding

"It is particularly so," he said, "in areas where the camps are very near to the cities."

Status of camps not changed

With the government's own and the living conditions of \$12 million budget and working

countries. "we are trying to improve these services as much as we can," he said.

But, he stressed, "this will not change the (status) of the camps, but will improve the services. This is what we have been doing and will continue to do so."

According to UNRWA statistics, the number of refugees and displaced persons living in the camps is about 250,000. But Qatanani said this could vary to up to 300,000 since "there are people who move in and out in terms of renting or leasing."

Asked what the drawing line was between "refugees" and "displaced persons," Qatanani said: "Refugees are those who left the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel in 1948 and these are registered with UN-RWA as refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, in Gaza. Displaced persons' are those who left the West Bank and Gaza Strip following the 1967 war.

Jordan erected six emergency camps in the East Bank for displaced persons but some of the displaced persons actually came from the Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "So they are both terested in seeing to that the refugees and displaced persons... like people from 'Ain Sultan in lah moving to Beqaa camp near Amman," Qatanani said.

However, there are no distinctions between "refugees" and 'displaced persons" when it comes to their civil status in Jordan. The displaced persons and refugees in the West-Bank and the East Bank have been treated as Jordanians since 1950, and there was no difference." Qatanani said. "The only difference came after (Jordan's legal and adminismonth. Those who need to stay more than one month - for education, medical treatment or bumanitarian reasons — are allowed to stay on as their needs warrant." Outlining further the work of

East Bank) and stay for one

the department, the director-general said: "We continue to issue the necessary documents for people in the occupied territories ...death, birth and marriage certificates, land deeds, school cer-tificates etc. We help them whenever possible.... We still admit students from the occupied territories into our schools, colleges and universities.

"In effect, in many aspects, (the department's) activities remain pretty much the same...but with regard to the issue itself, the disengagement was intended to start with the pronouncement of the Palestinian identity and clarifying the matter of represen-

Imports from West Bank

Jordan continues to import agricultural and industrial products from the West Bank and extend them free access to the Jordanian market. Oatanani noted. This helps the people in the occupied territories in addition to meeting local demands, he said. The new element in the process, he pointed out, is the involvement of the Ministries of Industry and Trade, Supply, Finance and Customs, the Ministry of Agriculture and various other departments, organisations and institutions that are concerned with the import of products to decide on what kind of proce-

dures are to be followed. Qatanani said Jordan welcomes a recent Israeli consent of the occupied territories Palesti- to allow direct Palestinian exports nian as of the day of the disen- to European markets. "We have always been trying, all along, to push this kind of (step)... We have been advising the people in the cooperative unions in the occupied territories to try the break with the West Bank. hard for such an agreement...

He noted that the European the occupied territories," Qata-nani said. "They can visit (the had withheld approval of three

A scene from one of the crossing points across River Jordan (J.T. file photo) to the East Bank. "They are on what has been described as a protocols with Israel because of planted in Palestinian lands by the Zionist state's resistance to direct Palestinian exports to the Palestinian farmers and are easy to trace," he said. But in the case EEC. The protocols were approved earlier this week after of industrial products the inspec-Israel undertook to allow direct access to EEC markets by Palestition process is different. "When the final product has any Israeli input, we reject it," he said. "It nian producers from the West

will not be admitted." The regulations are strictly followed, he said, to the extent that nani said the authorities were a Palestinian product packed in strictly enforcing Jordan's ban on Israeli material will not be allowed into Jordan.

The main agricultural products that enter the East Bank from the West Bank are citrus, fruits, vegetables, water melons, olives and olive oil. The industrial product category includes stones, woodwork, soap and meat products. The department did not have specific figures on the actual value of imports from the occupied territories but in tonnage they amounted to 69,635 tonnes from the West Bank and 61,603 tonnes from the Gaza Strip in

the bulk of Palestinian exports These products enjoy free access to the Jordanian market and are treated at par with the Kingdom's produce. Qatanani said.

Vehicle licensing

In reply to a question on a recent measure concerning trucks entering from the West Bank, Qatanani said: "These trucks were Jordanian and now they are Palestinian. So their owners will have to change their licences into a temporary one (while entering Jordan). Again, the idea is part of translating the disengagement ...which entitled them to get teminto practice."

He estimated that there were over 300 such vehicles, which carried Jordanian licences since 1967 and operated in the occupied territories with Israeli plates, as imposed on them by the occupation authorities. Whenever they crossed into the East Bank, they used the Jordanian plates until the new decision, announced earlier this month.

Replying to another question get when they apply for it.'

"new good-conduct certificate" that West Bank drivers have to obtain before obtaining such temporary licences as well as driving licenses, Qatanani said: "The drivers who were driving these trucks will have no problem to come to Jordan. The matter related to good conduct certificate is something we have been using for a long time. After all, we cannot admit anybody who is collaborating with the enemy, whether a driver, a lawyer or

whoeover." Qatanani disclosed that a recent meeting was held at the Interior Ministry to "make clear the new procedures related to the disengagement to everybody concerned, every department." The meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry of Awquf and Islamic Affairs, the Ministry of Interior, Islamic Justice Department, the Department of Palestinian Affairs and the Passports Department. "The main aim was to see to it that the procedures are clear to everybody and to make things clear to the people (in the occupied territories) so that they know what documents to carry when they come the East Bank." Oatanani said. "The meeting also reviewed all the difficulties in the actual imple-

Qatanani also explained the issuance of cards to Palestinians entering Jordan. "If they are permanent residents of the West Bank, they will get a green card porary two-year passports," he said. "Those who have their residence in the East Bank and have obtained family reunion documents — which means that they can reside permanently in the West Bank if they wish to — are issued yellow cards. (It) means : that those carrying a green card are Palestinian. Those who carry yellow cards are Jordanian and nothing has changed for them with regard to the passport they

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societies and unions in the West

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in Gaza to ensure the ban is not

violated. In essence, every pro-

duct that enters the East Bank

from the other side of the river

has to be accompanied by a cer-

tificate of origin issued by any of

these societies or unions as the

Qatanani noted that origins

were relatively easy to trace in

the case of agricultural products

Dr. Ahmad Qatanani

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

Following Jordan's announcement on July

31 of its legal and administrative disen-

gagement from the Israeli-occupied West

Bank, the government has adopted a

series of measures aimed at translating

the disengagement into practice. Dr.

Ahmad Qatanani, director-general of the

Department of Palestinian Affairs — the

official directly in charge of implementing

the steps — talks to Ghadeer Taher

about the various steps and related proc-

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man. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiof the anti-quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim coun-

tries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah. Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

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Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

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Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich, Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fieh, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751.

Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel.

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AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty Miguel Duen or Bolivia.

King Hussein received the The presentation ceremonies were held at the Royal Court in dors to Jordan. They were the presence of Chief of the Muhab Muqbel of Egypt, Dr. Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Foreign Minister Taber Al

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CONDOLENCES: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday delegated his advisor Mohammad Odeh to convey condolences to the Hanandeh family over the death of Mariam Mohammad, wife of Ali Saleh Hanandeh (Petra).

SHARIF ZAID IN TURKEY: Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker left for Turkey Saturday at the head of a Jordanian military delegation on a several day official visit, during which he will meet with senior Turkish officials and visit a number of military sites (Petra).

STIDAN APPRECIATES HELP: Assistant Director of Amman Health Department Ali Al Muheisen, who also headed the Jordanian medical team to Sudan during the last two months said that the Sudanese people highly appreciates the efforts made by Jordan under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and the continuous support of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, to help Sudan overcome its current difficulties (Petra). iaining such : S well as ch

HAJ HASSAN MEETS IRAQI AIDE: Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan met in his office Sunday with Iraqi Ministry of Trade Undersecretary Khaled Samarra'i, during which he approved minutes of a three-day meeting by the Iraqi official with his Jordanian counterpart covering scopes of cooperation between Iraq and Jordan in transport (Petra).

TAL RETIRED: Ministry of Higher Education's Secretary General Ahmad Tal has been retired in accordance with a decision by the council of ministers. Tal is to be succeeded by Dr. Ahmad Al Bashaireh who had served as secretary general of the Ministry of Education (Petra).

CAMPAIGN FOR FAO RECONSTRUCTION: A campaign has started in Aqaba to raise contributions for the reconstruction of the Iraqi port of Fao which was liberated by Iraqi forces from Iranian occupation last April. Donors who were reported to have visited the contribution centre included Jordanians, Iraqis and nationals of other Arab countries (Petra).

SQOUR LEAVES FOR SWEDEN: Ministry of Social Development's Secretary General Mohammad Sqour left Sunday for Stockholm on an official visit to Sweden at the invitation of his Swedish counterpart Sture Korpi. He is expected to hold talks with health and social affairs officials and tour Swedish organisations that care for the handicapped, child-care centres and mentally retarded institutions (Petra).

DRUG TRAFFICKER JAILED: The military governor has endorsed the military court's verdict sentencing Sa'di Salah Hassan to two years imprisonment and a fine of JD 1,500, after finding him guilty of trafficking hashish (Petra).

Scholar to deliver lecture on Al Agsa Mosque

AMMAN (J.T.) - Head of the Middle East section of the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University, Geza Febervari, todav delivers a lecture entiet a green e tied "Al Aqsa Mosque mihrab" hem logel (prayer niche) at the Engineering Faculty auditorium of the Uni-

versity of Jordan. Dr. Fehervan is in Amman to

take part in the three-day international symposium on Islamic art, which will be held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

The symposium will be chaired by Princess Wijdan Ali, who is the head of the Royal Society of Fine Arts.

neans that? Jordan, Syria discuss wish to - production of insecticides

ا عام المالية على AMMAN (Petra) — Representahor who tives of the Syrian and Jordanian lordania Ministries of Industry and Trade and a number of pan-Arab companies opened a meeting here Sunday to discuss the implementation of a project to produce insecticides which has been entrusted to the Jordan-Syrian Industry Company.

The delegates will discuss updating the project's feasibility study, steps to be taken to start carrying out the project and the financiers' contributions.

Addressing the first session of the two-day meeting was Syrian ... Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Industry Ahmad Al Hamash who said that the projected insece nicide plant was a fruit of Syrian-Jordanian cooperation in industrial fields, benefiting the whole

Insecticides are essential elements for agricultural development and the increase of output, he added.

The Jordan Syrian Industry Company was established in 1975 by the Joint Jordanian Syrian Higher Committee which defined the company's objectives, the different projects that it should carry out in the two countries and the marketing of its products in Jordan, Syria and other Arab

Th two countries pledged to offer the Amman-based company all the essential incentives, exemptions and privileges to enable it to succeed.

The joint company has been entrusted with setting up plants to produce white cement, insecticides, ready-made clothes and

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. The readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

 ★ Exhibition: Drawings and watercolours of German romanticism, at the Goethe Institute.

Soviet book exhibition, at Plaza Hotel.

⇒ Book exhibition at the Khansa' Secondary School in Madaba.

* An art exhibition by Isam Salameh, at the University of Jordan. ⇒ Photo exhibition at the Soviet Cultural Centre — 5:30 p.m.

LECTURE

⇒ Dr. Jeza Fehervari gives a lecture in Arabic on "Al Aqsa
Mosque Mihrab," at the Engineering Faculty auditorium of the

**The Company of the Company o University of Jordan - 11:00 a.m.

FILM

☆ French film "Max Mon Amour" subtitled in Arabic, at the Royal Cultural Centre - 8:00 p.m.

A feature film entitled "Little Lord Fauntleroy," at the British Council — 5;00 p.m.

Seminar to discuss ways to reduce building costs

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today opens a three-day seminar on reducing house construction costs, which has been organised by the Housing Corporation in cooperation with the Royal Scientific Society (RSS).

On the eve of the meetings, Corporation Director General Yousef Hiyasat said that the participants will discuss working papers focusing on land, building materials, financing, and social and economic studies related to construction.

Hiyasat said that the Kingdom does not have a housing problem but there is a need to build homes in view of natural growth, and the housing corporation is there to facilitate the building of homes and housing units.

Surveys indicated that 85 per cent of the total need of housing is being supplied by the private sector in the Kingdom and that two per cent is being shouldered by a number of real estate organisations, Hiyasat noted.

He said that there is a need to support the private sector's role in housing, and the coming stage will allocate witness more care to limited income families. Referring to the Abu Nuseir

housing estate, Hiyasat said that the second stage of that project will be sold in plots of land, The seminar will tackle build-

ing materials in addition to the prospect of executing majorhousing projects and unifying the different parties involved in the housing sector.

Jordan, Sudan sign memo of cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan and Sudan Sunday signed a memorandum of understanding paving the way for further cooperation and coordination between them in planning and housing affairs.

The memorandum provides for the entry and exit of equipment and machinery and expertise from and into either country, the introduction of channels of communication to ensure speedy exchanges of information related to tenders and construction projects to be carried out in the two countries by their respective Ministries of Public Works, and allowing construction sectors from Sudan and Jordan to bid for projects in either country.

The memorandum also encourages cooperation between Sudanese and Jordanian professional unions and the formation of joint companies to carry out

The memorandum referred to the prospect of Sudan importing Jordanian cement and allowing Jordanian trucks to carry the cement via Port Sudan to different destinations inside the country, in accordance with an agreement that would be signed at a later

The memorandum also in-

training Sudanese personnel in Jordan; and agreement was reached on a visit to Sudan by a team from the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and the Engineers and Contractors Associations to explore Sudan's requirements of construction pro-

The memorandum was signed by Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh and visiting Sudanese Minister of Public Works and Construction Planning Othman Sharif.

The Sudanese minister who has now left for home at the end of his visit to Jordan, had met Zawaideh earlier and was briefed on the function of the different departments of the Ministry of Public Works.

Jabr receives Sudanese minister

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jabr Sunday reviewed with the visiting Sudanese minister Jordan's experience in the field of local administration and the duties performed by the ministry and the various local councils.

Aga Khan to support training and research at **University of Jordan**

the University of Jordan Dr. assistance is the product of a Abdul Salam Al Majali received series of meetings held between a letter from His Highness Aga delegates representing the AKTC Khan informing him that the and faculty members from the board of the Aga Khan Trust for Department of Architecture.

Culture (AKTC) has approved,

In his letter, His High in its meeting held on Sept. 23, 1988, to support the Department of Architecture and the Faculty of Engineering and Technology at the University of Jordan in its initiative to strengthen the department's capacity to engage in graduate-level training and research.

To this effect, the AKTC will University of Jordan.

AMMAN (J.T.) — President of It is worth mentioning that this

In his letter, His Highness lauded the advanced standard which the University of Jordan has achieved in the field of architectural and technological

The university's commitment to architectural education, His Highness added, the abilities of its teaching personnel and its provide a grant specifically to openness to international colassist the department to establish laboration, are all distinguished a new area of study in the field of merits which make the University advanced architectural theory of Jordan a leading regional reand design through the recruit- source centre in the Middle East. ment and funding of an Aga capable of rendering effective Khan Visiting Professor at the architectural services in the re-



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Sunday receives a two-member Syrian delegation and a regional representative of the World Health

Hamzeh, Syrian health team discuss cooperation

AMMAN (J.T.) — A two-member Syrian health delegation met here Sunday with Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh in the presence of a regional representative for the burdens. World Health Organisation (WHO) in Jordan and Syria.

They discussed cooperation in health affairs and Jordan's primary health care programmes that are designed to meet WHO's centres in urban and rural regions target of providing health services for all citizens by the year 2000.

Preventive medicine and curative medicine in Jordan have both been embodied in the concept of primary health care which was initiated by the WHO in 1978, the bealth minister explained at the

He said that primary health care services are providing 95 per bility.

cent of the required services for citizens at the comprehensive health centres, a process which has relieved hospitals of heavy

"To carry out the primary health care programme the ministry has distributed 2.6 million medical cards entitling citizens to medical treatment at the health but allowing them this treatment and medicine only from one source, thus cutting down on any wastage of medical supplies," the minister pointed out.

Hamzeh briefed the Syrian delegation on decentralisation efforts, enabling the 15 departments of health around the country to shoulder more responsiArab women's conference opens in Cairo

Princess Basma: Development must include rural women too

CAIRO (Petra) — Jordan believes in an active role for women in developing the society's potential and in women's contributions to stability within the Jordanian family, Her Royal Highness Princess Basma said here Sunday.

"Training programmes should be introduced to help spread awareness among women and give them impetus to carrying out their duty towards their families and the nation at large," Princess Basma said in an address to a conference on the role of women in Arab countries development, organised by the United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP).

Referring to the activities of the Queen Alia Social Welfare. Fund (QAF), Princess Basma said that they included the establishment of integrated community centres in rural as well as urban regions of the Kingdom, allowing

munity.

Princess Basma informed the meeting that another meeting in Amman, two days ago, had established a pan-Arab Women's Scientific Council which, she said, would cater for Arab women's activities vis-a-vis development.

The Princess was elected the council's president at the conclusion of the council's two-day meeting in Amman on Friday. A final statement said that the

council will advocate women's rammes.

work benefitting their com- role in community development and enhance female leadership in dealing with national issues.

> Princess Basma said that membership to the council is now open for all men and women enabling them to contribute to the fulfilment of its goals and objectives.

> Dr. Mohammad Abdullah Nour, the UNDP Regional Director, outlined the aims of the conference which will mainly focus on how the UNDP can help individual Arab countries in executing devalopment prog-

Candidates posture for Jewish lobby — U.S. academic

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - In the midst of the American presidential campaign. one of the most prominent issues on which both candidates agree on, is their continued moral. financial and political support for Israel. But a senior member of several Democratic presidential campaigns, Dr. Elaine Kar-marck, pointed out that the candidates "sound" more pro-Israel than they really are.

"Every four years come April the candidates bring up moving the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem," said Karmarck who is also a professor of political science at Bryn Mawr.

During a working lunch with journalists arranged by the American Centre on Saturday she noted that the high concentration of Jews in specific cities in the U.S. has led to candidates' rhetoric on Israel, in an attempt

to capture the Jewish vote. She observed that during the primaries in places like Õhio, pro-Israeli support is rarely voiced by the candidates. "But. when primaries are held in April in New York, where 40 per cent of the population is Jewish, then you will hear the candidates speaking out on moving the

American policy, however, is to keep the embassy in Tel Aviv. 'Actually, no one, not even American Jews expect the embassy to be moved. It is a symbolic test for American Jews to see if the candidate is pro-Israel," Kar- from the late Iron Age to the late

In addition to the candidates' desire to secure the Jewish votes in major American cities, Kar-

marck noted three factors which 'bond" the presidential candidates' support for Israel. The first two are the moral and cultural bonds, forged by the, holocaust, and the friendships nurtured between American and

process "both being democratic and having a open press." The third is a strategic bond, the bond American Jews prefer to speak about," said Karmarck. According to her, the reason strategic alliance between the two countries, "is that moral bonds

fade as memories of the holo-

ful Israeli lobby plays an addi- enough to have a major impact tional and a major role in shaping on the whole election process, American public opinion. The she said. lobby, which supports mainly U.S. Congressmen and Senators, "is so important since the media's preceptions often comes from

Senators," explained Karmarck She added that although Arab Americans' voice is increasingly being heard in domestic politics, Jews living in the U.S.; and from the Arab-American lobby does not the similarities between the have the same power and influ-American and Israeli political ence as the American Jewish lobby. "We have had a one-sided story and we do not feel that we

have anything in common with the Arabs.' West Bank and Gaza Strip has tre in Amman on Saturday. "I American Jews stress the changed the attitude of some believe that if people in this part Americans including American of the world understand the pro-Jews, who have spoken out cess of elections in the U.S. then

Moreover, world affairs and politics are not important to most Americans, Karmarck said, explaining that the U.S. being surrounded by two oceans. Canada and Mexico, allows Americans to live without the possibility of an impending war. According to Karmarck, 50 per cent of all Americans eligible to vote, will

not do so this November. Karmarck will be visiting Jerusalem, Rivadh and Jeddah to present lectures on the American electoral process. She delivered Although the intifada in the her speech at the American Censtrongly against the Israeli prac- they could understand the canditices in the occupied territories, dates' preoccupation with The well organised and power-the change is not significant Israel," she said.

Experts uncover remains of Roman. Ottoman periods at Khirbet Al Faris

British team sponsored by the British Institute at Amman for Archaeology and History (BIAAH) and Newcastle University at Khirbet Al Faris, near Al Qasr, for five weeks during March/April 1988.

Intensive sherding of the site produced ceramic evidence for occupation within the survey area

AMMAN (J.T.) - Excavation Ottoman period, and architectuand survey was carried out by a ral remains from the early Roman and Ottoman periods.

Three small trenches were ex-

cavated and a machine trench was "cleaned-up". The results from these preliminary excavations produced evidence for domestic occupation in the Ottoman period in all three trenches and ninth-twelfth century occupation in a re-used vaulted structure that seems to have been originally of early Roman date.

The ceramic assemblage from the excavated areas and the survey will be useful in both defining inter-site shifts through time and in elucidating the pottery typology for this area which, particularly in the Islamic periods, has been previously derived from survey material.

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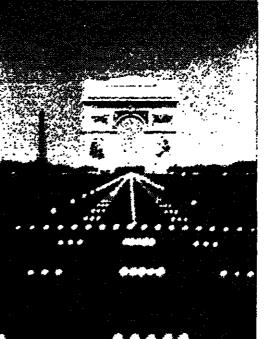
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The voice from

ACCORDING to recent opinion polls taken in Israel, Israeli Arabs will cast more votes during the upcoming Israeli elections in November than ever. It was projected by these polls that the 600,000-strong Arab minority in Israel would elect nine members of the 120-member Israeli Knesset thus posing a real threat to any eventual formation of government in Israel in the wake of the elections.

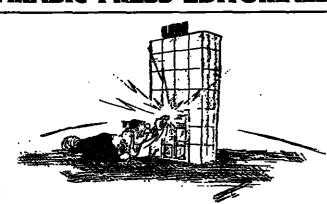
Clearly the Palestinian uprising has generated more Arab interest and involvement in Israeli politics than ever and awakened their sense of Palestinian nationalism and solidarity with their compatriots in the occupied territories. What is even more important is the fact that Israeli Arab political prowess is no longer dispersed and unorganised. It took a Palestinian resurrection to shake the Israeli Arabs from their political lethargy and indifference. And it has given the Israeli Arabs a new avenue and dimension hitherto unexplored fully to lend supportive hand to the resolution of the Palestinian problem.

What remains is to gauge accurately the effect of Israeli Arabs' involvement in Israeli elections on the outcome of the November elections while we do not detect a marked difference thus far between the Likud and Labour parties on the fundamentals of the Palestinian conflict, the proven political muscle of the Israeli Arabs must be exploited now to extricate sound political platforms from the competing Israeli political parties on the Palestinian case and to cast their votes accordingly.

The nearly eight per cent control over the Israeli parliament's seats is a formidable political force with which much meaningful negotiations can be initiated from now until November.

The Israeli Arab leaders are certainly better placed to judge this political game than Arabs elsewhere. We have faith in their political wisdom and their ability to play their political cards shrewdly and wisely. None of us would want to see an eventual Israeli government which is controlled by forces hostile to reason and common sense. That is why the stakes for the Israeli Arab voters are high and the paradoxes numerous and dangerous.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS



TWO of the Jordanian Arabic dailies Sunday tackled the question of Lebanon in the light of a looming danger represented in the end-of-mandate of parliament speaker Hussein Al Husseini. If Lebanon's parliament fails to elect a new speaker, said Al Ra'i daily, then further complications will emerge and a solution for the presidential crisis will be more remote than ever. The Lebanese people realise more than others the grave danger awaiting them if political confusion is allowed to continue because it might lead to a de facto partition of Lebanon, the paper added. It said such partition is of serious consequences to the Arabs since it serves Israel's strategic objectives and renders the Arab countries more vulnerable to similar patterns of disintegration. It is a real test not only for the Lebanese but also for all Arabs who do not wish to see their nation rendered apart, the paper noted.

For its part, Al Dustour daily welcomed the idea of a parliament session in Lebanon which it said could find a successor to Husseini and avoid a constitutional vacuum. The coming meeting represents a real test to the Lebanese and their will and desire for peace, the paper noted. It said that the meeting is bound to contribute to the current efforts to save Lebanon from partition and further divisions and disintegration. The Arab masses, said the paper, will be watching Tuesday's meeting of parliament in Beirut to see its results, hoping that the deputies will finally agree on the first steps towards salvation.

Sawt Al Shaab daily commented on the council of minister's guidelines to government departments designed to gradually reduce the budget deficit. These guidelines are bound to help the Kingdom avoid excessive payment for unnecessary imported

products with hard currency and enable it to increase production and improve services, the paper noted. It said that the cabinet's instructions are clearly intended to boost the national industry, but at the same time to provide protection for basic food supplies benefitting low-income families. The guidelines it said bear clear indication that the government is concerned to honour its commitments and pay its foreign debts and services on these

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARY

Yes for austerity

AL DUSTOUR's economic columnist Sunday calls on Jordan to adopt austerity measures which means reducing its imports of unnecessary goods and rationalising spending. Abdullah Al Maliki says prices in Jordan are going up noticeably and perhaps housewives and retail merchants are more informed about this situation since they conduct a day-to-day business with various products. The continuous rise in prices will eventually lead to a rise in inflation that could reach ten or 15 per cent, and this will severely affect the unemployed among Jordanians, the columnist points out. He says the rise in prices could be due to a number of reasons including the rate of exchange of the Jordanian dinar, but what is important is to follow the example of other developing nations which opted for austerity measures to deal with similar

Soviet-Israeli rapprochement

By Waleed Sadi

THERE is a noticeable flurry of political activity going on now between Israel and the Warsaw Pact countries. At first glance this development may look puzzling or surprising to unsuspecting Arab peoples. After all, the raison d'etre for the severance of diplomatic and political relations between the socialist countries and Israel. namely, the Israeli-Arab war of 1967 and its consequences, is still there hovering over our and their heads. Many Arabs may feel cheated or even stabbed in the back to watch the beginning of the process of normalisation of relations between Tel Aviv and the capitals of the Eastern Bloc before Israel is made to end its occupation of Arab territories.

Surprisingly, however, Arab anxiety, if any, over the warming up of relations between Israel and the European comm is remarkably stoic and muted. It seems that the Arab peoples have become callous to tragedies and misfortunes of every kind. In fact, Arab contemporary and post-Islamic golden age history is but a series of bad news with very few glorious feats to record in its annals. To compound the bleak picture in the Arab countries even more, not even massacres on the scale of Sabra and Shatilla had

succeeded in igniting the Arab national indignation. Arabs everywhere appear to be in a state of suspended animation with indifference and fatalism reigning supreme. That is why the irreversible Soviet rapprochement with Israel goes by without causing as much as a wink in the drowsy Arab eyes or a ripple in the

But this is not the whole story. New giant events and steps have overtaken and superceded the old ones on the international arena.

Specifically speaking, with the introduction of the Gorbachevian revolution to the Soviet and international arenas, the world has become the spectator of an entirely new global power game with far reaching direct and side effects. To be sure, this updated Russian Revolution has brought forth a novel international code of conduct on the political, economic and military levels. New considerations and premises were introduced by this reformist Soviet movement which have preempted old and archaic ones.

Caught in the web of this evolving entente between the East and

West are of course the Arab countries and their national interests as perceived by the Arab peoples and their governments. With Moscow and its allies having a fixation on unleashing the dynamics of modernisation in all its political and economic dimensions, the Arabs' place in the Soviet bloc new equation seems to recede.

To cut a long story short, the European socialist countries have rediscovered that they are first and foremost European nations which share a common civilisational background with the Western world. In order to be able to let loose the dynamics of modernisation and have them run their course in the heartland of the socialist bloc, there was no escape from striving for an accommodation with the Western capitals, especially if it could be conducted on honourable and reciprocal basis as indeed the situation has turned

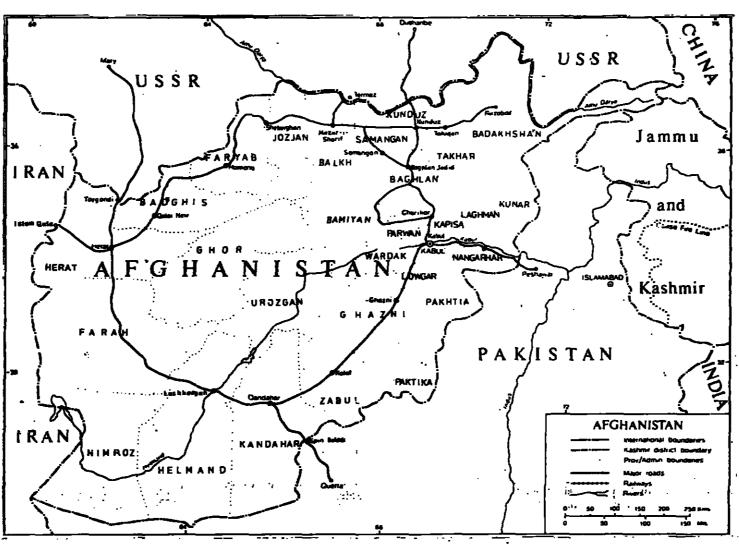
Certainly, it stands to reason that the allies of the West the like of Israel would stand to reap also the fruit of the entente now blossoming between the superpowers. It would be illogical from the Western point of view for the East to seek its friendship and at the same time maintain a hostile profile against one of its offspring! Obviously, this equation works both ways as the allies of the Soviet bloc countries would also end up benefitting from the new code of conduct between Washington and Moscow

As much of the Soviet and Eastern Bloc "infatuation" with the Arab World was artificially induced and predicated on the premise of constant zealous hostility between the North Atlantic Alliance and the Warsaw Pact, and whereas many of these preconditions are slowly but surely eroding and fading away into oblivion, it figures that Moscow would sooner or later redefine its relations with the Arab World and evolve its seemingly unqualified support into a

To put it more bluntly, the weight of the Arab World as it is presently constituted as far as the Warsaw Pact countries is concerned would decrease in a way proportional to the degree of detente achievable between the East and the West.

Over and above these considerations, the Soviet bloc countries know only too well that the Jews in most Western countries enjoy a privileged status and therefore hold the key to the success or failure of the on-going process of cooperation and detente between the two blocs. Surely Moscow would not want to give the American Jews, for example, an excuse to derail one of their cherished

On second thought, no wonder the Arab World has not staged an uproar over the Israeli-Soviet bloc rapprochement. The fundamentals of real-politik must have soaked very deeply this time into the Arab psyche.



Afghanistan: Moscow fills the military gap with economic aid

By Michael Battye

KABUL - Moscow has triggered intense diplomatic speculation over its intentions in Afghanistan by promising massive postwar reconstruction aid and appointing a powerful diplomat as its envoy to Kabul.

Western diplomats said Friday that the Soviet government appeared to be trying to salvage what political and economic influence it could four months before it is due to withdraw its last combat troops from Afghanistan.

"Obviously, some major political manoeuvering is going on," one diplomat said. But they could find no hard

evidence in the moves to suggest exactly what Moscow had in mind after nine years of military involvement, that could end with the war between the Soviet-backed government and Mujahideen rebels unresolved.

On Wednesday, Moscow promised \$600 million to a United Nations post-war reconstruction fund, whose first phase cost is put

On Thursday, First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov, groups apparently ready to settle

considered close to the Kremlin leadership, was named as ambassador. He will keep his ministerial post.

The aid pledge left room for diplomatic cynicism on whether Moscow was prepared to step back from the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), whose government its troops have been propping up

since 1979. "It indicates to me that they have no interest in letting go, at least in the political-military sense. The tactics may have changed, but the policy hasn't,'

one diplomat said.

Another said: "I wouldn't want to commit myself before I've read the small print, but the offer appears to be tied to the provision of equipment, which will give Moscow a greater degree of control over the aid than if it

simply gave money. The diplomats agreed that Vorontsov would have considerable freedom of action. "People clear Afghan policy with him, not the other way round," one said.

They saw the central question as how Vorontsov would direct his power, with most Mujahideen

Most Western diplomats in Kabul believe the Mujahideen claim that they will win the war once the Soviet troops have left by Feb. 15 under April's Geneva Accords, mediated by U.N. special representative Diego Cor-

Others beleive the PDPA can hold on to Kabul and other major cities in a military stale-

The Mujahideen has rejected the PDPA's offer of a coalition government and diplomats said that Moscow seemed disappointed at the failure of this attempt at "national reconcilia-

"It might be that the next Soviet fall-back position would be to embrace the Cordovez plan and Vorontsov would negotiate that," one said.

Cordovez proposed that a neutral government be established in Kabul to oversee the Soviet withdrawal and then hold a traditional Afghan assembly, known as a "Loyal Jirga," to form a government.

Soviet support for the plan would be significant concession.

for nothing less than the complete removal of the PDPA. implying acceptance of diminished influence and control, the diplomats said.

But some thought Moscow was not ready for this.

"If Vorontsoy's mission is to negotiate peace, then he has to come up with something else," one source said.

They said any peace offer from Vorontsov would probably be rejected by the Mujahideen and would be a new step in what diplomats see as a campaign to enhance the PDPA's credibility as the peace-seekers in a long and

Pakistan, which signed the Geneva accords with Kabul, has three million Afghan refugees, hosts the political leadership of the Mujahideen and is the main supply route for rebel arms.

It is due to hold elections in November, shortly after the United States, which supplies the bulk of the arms, has its presidential election.

Diplomats believe any government elected in Pakistan would be less supportive of the Mujahideen than military President Mohammad Zia-Ul-Haq, killed

OPEN FORUM

Nobel Prize: A noble idea

IN a recent article in The Washington Post, the American columnist, Colman MaCarthy, questioned the wisdom behind giving the Nobel Prize to the U.N. peace-keeping forces for the year 1988.

He argued that if the Norwegian Nobel committee could not find a person or a body worthy of this symbolic award, then this should

have been another no-winner year, as was the case in 1972. To reward a person or an organisation for the services rendered to cement peace anywhere any time, is unquestionably a noble effort. It is not the intention of this writer to question the importance of such an endeavour. The question we should be pondering in the Middle East is something else.

According to some reports there are approximately 10,000 men, in different contingents, and under different names, stationed in seven trouble spots around the world. Aside from the Indian-Pakistani borders and Afghanistan, (a force not exceeding 86 men all together), the remainder of these contingents are stationed in the Middle East. Some of them have been in the area for quite some

The bulk of these men is positioned between Israel and some Arab states; about 350 of them are observing the ceasefire lines between Iran and Iraq; some 2,100 men have been monitoring the buffer zone between the Turkish and Greek sectors in Cyprus since

The mission of these blue-beret men could provide some food for thought: Should people in this region be happy and grateful for all the attention bestowed on them by the international community? Or can they help not to worry because they are doomed to the permanent presence of the peace-keeping force as another fixture in their lives, such as bad-traffic or Roman amphitheatres, or cedar or olive trees?

In comparison with other trouble spots on this earth, people in the Middle East may wonder how other enemy-neighbours survive their quarrels, before and after they exupt. In this instance. memory can flash immediately to other regions such as Central America, South East Asia, South and Central Africa, and other explosive spots.

What is so unique about our area that generations have to grow up with this constant reminder of the hostility curse? Is it something inherent in the psyche of the people of this region to live in a continuous state of tension and fear? Or is it an imposed syndrome? ·

Indeed, we are happy that these men's mission has been appropriately rewarded this year. We shall be happier if we could, one day soon, bid them farewell when they have accomplished their

Serbia's populist leader faces federal challenge

By Peter Humphrey Reuter

BELGRADE - The man many Serbs sing of as their country's next Tito may soon be fighting for political survival.

Serbian Communist Party leader Slobodan Milosevic, nicknamed "Freedom" (Sloboda) by his fans, has alienated key politicians by helping to launch a pow-er struggle which has led to Yugoslavia's worst turmoil since

World War II. "A week ago, he looked as though he was on a winning streak, but the rest of the country has ganged up on him in the most unusual show of unity," said a Western ambassador.

Milosevic, 47, has used grievances by the powerful Serbian

ethnic group to propel himself toward national leadership in a country which has lacked a strong leader since Joseph Broz Tito died in 1980.

Thousands of demonstrators backing his campaigns sing in praise of Milosevic while waving giant hand-painted portraits of

But Western diplomats said the popular protests he helped unleash might backfire at a party plenum next week.

In Titograd, capital of the Montenegro region, witnesses said scores of people were injured last weekend when paramilitary police used tear gas and clubs to quell protests over austerity and alleged maltreatment of Slavs by ethnic Albanians in Kosovo pro-

Space back in fashion in U.S. as shuttle resumes business

By Graham Earnshaw

WASHINGTON — Space is back in fashion in the United States with the shuttle in business once more and both presidential candidates declaring their support for the next big project - a permanent space station.

President Reagan pleased space enthusiasts just before the shuttle flight, the first in nearly three years, when he declared the United States should lead the way in fulfilling mankind's destiny to

"colonise this galaxy."

Just how fast the United States reaches for the stars will depend to some extent on who wins the presidential election next month, Republican George Bush or Democrat Michael Dukakis.

So far, space buffs are encouraged by what both have said on an issue they view as crucial to

the future of the human race. "Space exploration provides our children, the next generation of scientists and engineers, with a sense of vision to encourage their imaginations and energies," said

Dukakis countered by declaring: "Sometime in the 21st century, humans will leave this planet to explore, and ultimately live and work on the Moon and Mars. We should begin now to take the early steps to achieve that goal.'

But as astronaut David Walker who flew on a shuttle mission in 1984 told Reuters: "It's kind of hard to tell what politicians are going to do from their campaign

The first major project on lift the present shuttle out of the

America's space list is a permanent manned space station, scheduled to be put into orbit in the late-1990s, which will serve as a laboratory and perhaps a jump-ing-off point for more distant destinations.

"We're pleased that both candidates have come out in favour of the space station," said Glen Wilson, executive director emeritus of the privately-funded National Space Society.

"Also both of them have come He added that as president, he out in favour of reviving the would want America "not just to be part of international space council which (former president) effort, but to be the leader in Nixon abolished in 1973," he added.

But the candidates disagree over a proposed spaceship/air-craft dubbed the Orient Express which could take off into orbit and land again without the aid of expensive rocket boosters used to Bush is for it, Dukakis against.

"The shuttle and the space station are infrastructure in search of a mission"

The consensus among the experts seems to be that since the 1986 Challenger disaster, the United States has fallen behind the

Soviet Union in many important

areas of space research.

"We have lost some ground," said astronaut Walker. "(The Russians) have gained a lot of experience in near-earth orbit particularly. They haven't been getting there."

The two most common suggestions are a mission to Mars and a settlement on the Moon, but the unity of purpose which took the 1969, only eight years after President Kennedy set the goal, is

conspicuously lacking.
"The shuttle and the space station are infrastructure in search of a mission," the New

York Times said in an editorial. What is clear is that while the United States made it to the

mission to Mars is under discussion, and 11 countries signed an agreement last week on cooperating with the United States on the development of the space station.

Space enthusiasts say that even able to do a lot outside earth's if agreement cannot be reached immediate vicinity, but they're now on what the United States should aim for next, a start must be made to lift mankind out of the cradle of earth.

"I believe it is absolutely essential (that we move beyond the United States to the Moon in earth) because of the limits on resources," said Dr. Peter Graser, who pioneered the idea of solar power satellites which could collect and transfer energy from space to the earth.

Astronaut David Walker agreed. "Man is the dominant species on this small planet and is rapidly using and polluting its Moon alone, future exploration is resources," he said. "If we per-

almost certain to be a joint effort. sist... we'll use it up and we'll A combined Soviet-American need some place else to go."

Basra rises from the ashes of war

By Subby Haddad

BASRA, Iraq — The devastated Iraqi city which stemmed the advance of Iran's revolutionary forces is emerging from the ashes of war after eight years under

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Thousands of civilians are returning to the port city of Basra, once only a rifle-shot from the frontines of the Gulf war. Iran's blitzkrieg into Iraq fal-

tered at frontline-Basra two years fragi troops in bunkers and trenches clung to the city as night-

after-night Iranian artillery gunners pounded it from across the Shatt Al Arab waterway. But the Iranians were unable to

drive a wedge into the city and When Baghdad turned the tide

of war against fran earlier this year, pushing the Iranians back across the Shatt Al Arab, Basra emerged, bloodied but unbowed. The governor of this city of 10 million palm trees on the banks of the Shatt Al Arab waterway. now says he plans to turn it into the Venice of the East.

"Thousands of workers, inchiding some working for foreign companies, are working day and night to reconstruct damaged buildings and build new ones." governor Anwar Sa'eed Al Hadithy said Friday.

Hadithy said one house in three was destroyed in the shelling which killed 1,638 civilians and wounded 7.282.

-More than 95 per cent of those-

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He said that much of the recent

demand for foreign currencies

may have occurred for the pur-

poses of capital flight or specula-

tion against the dinar and that the

government was capable of

financing the legitimate needs of

the private sector. He said some

individuals "must not expect the

government to provide them with

cheap dollars for speculation pur-

has great financial commitments.

We have to cover the imports of

the public and private sectors,

servicing our foreign debt and

The prime minister said Jor-

dan's revenues stood at \$1 billion,

while its imports exceeded \$2.8

increasing exports and squeezing

measures will increase the com-

petitiveness of Jordanian exports

and investments and that the gov-

ernment will cooperate with the

private sector to find new mar-

prime minister said that while the Kingdom had a \$600 million foreign currency revenue from tourism last year, Jordanians spent

\$450 million abroad on tourism,

studies and treatment. He said

that last year's remittances from

expatriates reached \$900 million,

but that foreign workers in the

country transferred \$200 million

Reducing spending

spending, Rifai said the govern-

ment would reduce its imports of

cars and equipment and other

requirements with the hope that

the private sector would respond

by reducing imports of luxury

Rifai agreed that the recent

monetary measures may create

inflationary effects on the economy but that the government

hopes inflation will remain within

reasonable limits. He said the

government was determined not

to raise the prices of basic food

commodities even if there was an

increase in international prices.

He said the government was con-

sidering a reduction in the prices

of some services such as water

In response to a question, Rifai

categorically denied that there

was a decline in remittances from

"Remittances are continuing at their annual average and I wish to

confirm that there is absolutely

Rifai regretted the failure of

no truth to these rumours."

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He added: "The government

Rifai urges public participation

turned and Basra's population now exceeds one million." he

Hadithy said the Iraqi govern-ment had allocated \$4.5 billion to rebuild Basra, in addition to money in the annual budget and five-year plan. Much of Basra was destroyed

by Iranian artillery shells and rocket fire during the eight year fran-Iraq war which ended with a U.N.-brokered ceasefire on Aug.

Many of the buildings and hotels along the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which forms the frontline with Iran, are little more than shell-pocked ruins.

Rusting hulks of ships partly block the silted-up channels bullets and shell-holes in their superstructure bearing mute testimony to the fighting which raged around the southern Iraqi city.

The blocked waterway is Basra's only outlet to the Gulf. Hadithy said nearly 65,000 heavy artillery shells fell on the city destroying thousands of houses, 140 schools, 57 mosques, 38 hotels, 18 hospitals, six churches and 1,888 civilian cars, in addition to heavy damage to government property.

During the visit to Basra, reporters saw a revitalised city with bustling markets and crowded streets.

"I left Basta after an Iranian shell destroyed my house a few months ago... Now I have returned to rebuild," said a Basra resident.

Heavy lorries were ferrying in tonnes of bricks and cement as who left Basra to escape intensive bulldozers toiled to remove mas-Iranian shelling during the last sive piles of rubble clearing the few years of the war have re- way for new houses to be built.

He said Jordan had borrowed

from abroad based on expecta-

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Rifai said Arab leaders pledged

at the Amman Arab summit and

the Algiers summit to pay their

commitments over the coming

failed to play an effective role in

packages of incentives and facili-

ties offered by the government to

boost investments and economic

activity. However, he added, the

government will continue to sup-

port the private sector, which

can play a vital role."

The private sector, he said, has

\$6 billion.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Nasser's son's trial begins Nov.1 Denmark keen on ties with Iran

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - The son of the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser, will stand trial Nov. 1 with 19 others charged with anti-Israel and anti-American extremism. The trial date was set by judge Abdul Ghaffar Mohammad, head of the appeals court, according to the state-owned newspaper Al Ahram. The 38-yearold Khaled has affirmed in several published interviews that he would return from his selfimposed exile in Yugoslavia to face the trial as soon as it begins. If convicted, Khaled and 10 others could be hanged and the rest could receive prison terms up to life. He and the groups were charged with forming a clandestine organisation called Egypt's Revolution and involvement in four shootings between 1984 and 1987 that killed two Israeli embassy personnel and wounded six Israelis

Former Egyptian queen dies

and two American diplomats.

CAIRO (R) - Egypt's former Queen Safinaz Zulfikar died in hospital Sunday at the age of 68, a hospital statement said. Zulfikar, who was suffering from leukemia, adopted the name Farida after she marned King Farouk in accordance with a tradition that all members of the royal family have the same initial. Farouk, deposed in 1952 in a military coup led by the late Gamal Abdul Nasser, died in exile in Italy. He divorced Zulfikar in 1948 and she lived most of her life in Paris with her three daughters. A keen artist, she returned to

NICOSIA (R) - A senior visiting Danish official said Saturday his country was keen to improve relations with Iran, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported. It quoted Beny Kimberg, Danish deputy foreign minister for political affairs as saying his country was eager to expand political, economic and cultural relations with Iran. Iranian Acting Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati, who had talks with Kimberg, told him Iran had ample natural resources, including oil and gas,

which could meet Danish needs for a long time,

Sudan tribal clashes kill 50

KHARTOUM (R) - Armed bands have killed about 50 villagers in Sudan's western Darfur region bordering Chad, a Khartoum newspaper Sunday quoted the area's member of parliament as saying. Al-Sudani quoted Ibrahim Mohammad Abbo as saying some 1,500 armed men had artacked villages at Wad Salih and Makjer last month, killing 30 people and destroying property. The MP said the attackers were Chadians. Officials from Sudan and Chad early this month discussed border problems between the two countries, including infiltration by armed men into durfur region. Western diplomats said then that the presence of about 2,000 followers of a Chadian opposition leader Sheikh Ibn Omer in Darfur was still a major cause of friction there. The MP also said that during September people from the Zagawa tribe of Darfur, north of the border town of Geneina, attacked Arab tribesmen in the area, killing 18 of them and stealing 520 camels.

Syrian troops end the fighting

6 killed, 25 injured in east Beirut clash

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - The Amal militia and militants of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, or party of God, clashed overnight and police said Sunday six people were killed and 25 wounded in the five-hour battle in south Beirut.

Each side accused the other of ing the exchanges. arting the firefight in the densestarting the firefight in the densely populated Shiyah and Ghobeiri neighbourhoods.

Police said both sides used mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns during the clash which ended when Syrian soldiers deployed in the embattled districts.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, said an apart-

Ad-Diyar quoted an Amal source as saying Hezbollah militant kidnapped five of Amal members and released them several hours later after beating them. Two of the freed men were hospitalised with various injuries.

The same newspaper, based in Christian east Beirut quoted Hezhollah sources as saving the fighting erupted when Hezbollah ment building was set ablaze dur- militants tried to prevent Amal ment inhabited by Hezboliah 'sympathisers," claiming they wanted to search the flat.

The Hezbollah sources said the Amal fighters fired a rocket into the apartment when the Hezbollahis tried to "defend themselves.

There was no way to verify either report.

It was the first major clash in five months between the two factions, vying for mastery of the Shi'ite Muslim community of 1.2

Syrian troops deployed in South Beirut May 27 after a three-week bloody confrontation between Hezbollah, and Amal in which 300 people were killed and 1,000 were wounded.

Fundamentalists demonstrate in Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - About 200 Muslim fundamentalists took to the streets Saturday in downtown Cairo, shouting slogans against the government.

Police sources said many of them escaped in a commandeered public bus after severely beating a traffic policeman, attacking a soldier and another traffic policeman and smashing a police car. The interior ministry, in charge

of internal security, said in a statement the demonstrators shouted slogans against the government and demanding release of jailed fundamentalists.

"The police confronted them." arrested four and the others dispersed, the statement said. It added that the incident resulted in injuries to one officer and damage to a police car. Sources said the demonstrators

were demanding release of prisoners detained last August after a clash between Muslim extremists and police outside a mosque in a Cairo suburb. That clash and a subsequent

security sweep left three people dead and at least 40 wounded. The exact number of people remaining in jail is unclear, march.

Several of 114 people originally detained have been released and some rearrested since August.

Saturday's demonstrators apparently belonged to the same group involved in the August trouble. The police sources said the demonstrators decided Saturday's march during a Friday night meeting at Adam mosque, where the previous trouble started.

The ministry statement said the demonstrators gathered at the higher court of justice in a busy downtown area and began a

U.N. to assemble helicopter force in Gulf, Norway says

By Philip Shehadi

KUWAIT — The United Nations is assembling a force of helicopters and small aircraft to help it monitor the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, Arab states, with the exception of Saudi Arabia, to fulfill their Norwegian Defence Minister financial commitments to the Johan Joergen Holst said Sunday. Kingdom in accordance with the

Holst, on a Middle East tour, 1978 Baghdad summit resolualso criticised the spread of chemical weapons and mediumrange missiles in the Gulf and challenged Israel to prove its support for international curbs on our their financial commitments nuclear proliferation. to the Kingdom. He said the

Norway has nearly 1,000 soldiers with U.N. peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, including 15 with the U.N. Iran-Irao Military Observer Group (UN-IIMOG) stationed along the 1.200-kilometre Iran-Iraq border.

"We've been asked and we've said ves to contribute personnel for a helicopter squadron to be part of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire observation team," Holst told Reuters in an interview. "It's an enormous area and

economic growth, despite several helicopters constitute a very efficient way of bringing people from point A to point B... and of course from the air your ability to observe is significantly en-

Holst said Norway would con-

tribute around 25 pilots, naviga- states to prevent arms races from tors and maintenance personnel engulfing the area," he said. to the helicopter squadron. He aircraft but was still working out

The Aug. 20 ceasefire has held

with few violations and Holst said he was optimistic U.N.-sponsored peace talks to end the eight-year-old conflict would eventually bear fruit. The talks have stalled over an

Iraqi demand that clearing the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which forms the southern Iran-Iraq border, take priority over a withdrawal of forces.

Horst reiterated Norwegian support for a U.N. naval force in the Gulf, where dozens of foreign warships have been patrolling shipping lanes since mines were discovered there last year. But he said such a force was unlikely in the short term.

He said he would express Norway's concern to Middle East leaders about the profileration of chemical weapons and mediumrange missiles.

"I would hope there would be some cooperation between great powers which are major producers of these weapons and local

Holst said he saw a potentially said the United Nations envis-aged a separate squadron of light acquisition of chemical weapons by Arab states and Israel's nuclear power programme. Israel is widely believed to have produced nuclear bombs, Horst criticised Israel's refusal

to allow Norway to inspect heavy water it sold the Jewish state in 1970. Heavy water is used to cool nuclear reactors. "We are not very pleased with

the fact that we have not been permitted to inspect the use of that heavy water in consonance with our agreement," he said. Holst said he would urge Israeli officials later this month to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency in its

efforts to control the use of heavy

"We hope that if the Israelis are serious about sharing concern about nuclear proliferation they will cooperate. If they were not to cooperate this is an indication they may not be so serious about nuclear proliferation as they

Holst later left Kuwait for Baghdad. He is also due to visit Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Israel and Egypt.

he said.

allege,"

Swarms of locusts invade Saudi Arabian coast

RIYADH (R) - Swarms of de- whose number have reached plasert locusts stretching over a 650kilometre front have begun invading Saudi Arabia, officials

Officials from the Jeddahbased Locust Research Centre said at the weekend the invasion of the voracious insects could be the worst in 20 years and cause heavy crop damage.

"There are many locusts around," said a centre official. They started arriving Wednesday and Thursday from Sudan and Ethiopia.

"This is a very intensive invasion. They are covering the entire

"We are doing our best in attempting to control them but if they continue coming some agricultural damage may occur.'

Saudi officials have been preparing all summer for the locusts gue proportion in Africa. The insects are now along most

of Saudi Arabia's narrow Red Sea coastal area called the Tihama, infesting an area running from 350 kilometres north of the port city of Jeddah to 300 kilometres south of the city, offi-

They fear the locusts could easily spread to the nearby mountain range and south to the port of Jizan and breed.

"There is little danger that the insects will breed along the coast because it is too dry," said one official. "However if they reach Jizan area they will find better breeding grounds due to recent

"That is the real danger."

locusts will continue their migration in search of new areas, he explained.

Control teams have already begun the fight to counter the threat, using special insecticides. centre officials said. Last spring, at least 19 swarms

of locusts, some fiving in waves 10 kilometres wide by 10 kilometres deep, invaded the northwest tip of the country in the Tabuk, Al-Jouf and Hail regions. No reports of agricultural damage were ever announced.

Experts from the food and agricultural organisation say this year's locust invasion is the worst in recent history with parts of North Africa effectively under

Efforts to counter them have been hindered by a lack of planes and insecticides in Ethiopia and If the locusts begin laying eggs Sudan, as well as border disputes the cycle will continue and new between the two countries. between the two countries.

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Gulf Arab oil chiefs ponder Ways to boost output, prices

RIVADH (R) — Oil ministers of six Gulf Arab states, responsible for one-fifth of the non-communist world's crude oil production, met in Riyadh Sunday to discuss ways of raising world oil prices.

VATICAN CITY (R) — The as well as all the faithful of the

Vatican Saturday announced a world, particularly those in more

One Gulf-based oil trader said largest oil exporter, has said repe-ealers expected the Gulf Coop- atedly that other OPEC states dealers expected the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ministers to agree on a policy which could lead to a new OPEC quota agreement to replace a battered 1986 pact on output and prices.

The GCC links Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — all members of OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) — with non-OPEC Bahrain and Oman.

A glutted market, caused by several OPEC members including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE exceeding their output quotas, has forced world spot prices down to their lowest for

record deficit of \$63.8 million in

1987 and appealed to Catholics

throughout the world to increase

their contributions to the work of

Official details of the Holy

See's budget showed the shortfall

was the highest since the Vatican

began releasing selected figures

about its finances in the early

1980s: The 1986 deficit was \$56.7

A special commission of car-

dinais appointed to oversee the

church's finances said the deficit

was expected to increase in 1988

and warned the Vatican had ex-

appeals urgently to all dioceses,

congregations, religious institutes

drive against corruption, the offi-

cial People's Daily said Sunday.

Wang Bingqian as saying that

coastal regions, which have led

Caina's economic reforms and

account for much of its foreign

companies announced last week.

management of foreign currency

he said.

abroad," he said.

"in the coastal areas a major

'The commission therefore

housted all its reserve funds.

the Catholic Church.

must respect quota discipline before it will lower its production. Oil industry sources said the

Saudis were apparently trying to line up their Gulf allies behind a policy which would enable OPEC to raise the quotas of some individual members. "All Gulf members, especially

Kuwait and the UAE, want higher quotas and they might agree on a proposal to OPEC on a new agreement on allocations." said one analyst in the Gulf.

The 1986 pact set a total production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day (b/p) for 12 members, excluding Iraq. Forecasts put world demand for OPEC oil Saudi Arabia, the world's at about 19 million b/d next year.

affluent countries, to increase

their cooperation towards the

Holy See to allow it adequately to

carry out its pastoral mission," a

statement issued by the cardinals

As in past years, the Vatican said part of the 1987 deficit would

be covered by drawing on the "Peter's Pence" fund, a collec-

tion made in Catholic churches

around the world for the Pope's

The 1987 "Peter's Pence" con-

tributions, traditionally destined

for missions and charitable

works, rose to \$50 million com-

pared to \$32 million in 1986. The

remaining \$13.8 million of

the 1987 deficit was met by draw-

ing on funds set aside in previous other parts of Italy.

privileges.

president.

Vatican announces \$64 billion

deficit, appeals for contributions

policy was intended to depress prices until the financial pressures of lower revenues forced OPEC members to respect their quotas.

"Accepting quotas is one thing and abiding by them is another," said one analyst. "The Saudis this time want every state to be included in an OPEC output pact,

including Iraq."
Production by Iraq, which remained outside the 1986 pact because it was not given a quota equal to Iran's 2.369 million b/d, now estimated at 2.7 million

Several Gulf newspapers expressed hope that the six GCC ministers would agree a strategy which would lead to proper coop-eration between OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

Saudi Arabia's Arabic-language daily Al Nadwa said the ministers should emerge from the two-day meeting with a united policy reiterating obedience to

But the statement said the

funds were now exhausted, and it

was uncertain whether a pro-

jected \$66 million deficit for the

The budget covers the Catholic

Church's central administration,

including departments for social,

religious, and diplomatic affairs

and its daily newspaper and radio

The Vatican said the largest

single expenditure during 1987 was the salaries of its 2,325 em-

ployees. These, plus pension payments, accounts for 54 per cent of

nearly \$38 million, was from in-

vestments on bank accounts.

securities and property. Most

Vatican property is in Rome and

The People's Daily also said

WASHINGTON (AP) - Presi-

dent Ronald Reagan, in one of

his most partisan radio addresses

in months, Saturday accused the

Democratic majority in Congress

of being budget profligates who seek to elect a "tax-and-spend"

And Reagan took credit for the

fact that the deficit for the fiscal

1989 federal budget is projected to be below \$146 billion. If the

deficit exceeded that figure, the

Gramm-Rudman balanced

budget act requires automatic across-the-board cuts.

Instead of praising the biparti-

san agreement that paved the way

for the accord, Reagan offered a

back-handed slap at the outgoing.

Democratic-run Congress and

Democratic presidential candi-

"Left to its own devices, Con-

In a Democratic response.

Congressman Dennis Eckart of

Ohio sharply attacked Bush,

Reagan's vice president and the

Republican presidential

"George Bush has been a silent

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gress would not have done this,"

date Michael Dukakis.

Reagan said.

The largest source of income,

curent year could be met.

Oil analysts said Saudi Arabia's prices and quota agreements.

It said in an editorial that this would leave other OPEC members with no choice but to abide by their quotas because the alternative was a prices crash.
The six GCC states produce

around 9.6 million b/d of oil, meeting one-fifth of the noncommunist world's demand for 48.8 million b/d.

Saudi Arabia alone produced almost five million b/d in September, oil industry sources estimate. The GCC meeting will be followed by joint talks between

OPEC's prices and long-term strategy committees in Madrid next Thursday on stemming the slide in oil prices. Prices are now at least \$7 below

the OPEC reference price of \$18 a barrel set in the 1986 pact. The Madrid meetings will bring together OPEC's eight top producers — Algeria, Iraq, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Pope John Paul decided to

begin publishing full details of the

Vatican's financial affairs after

worldwide appeals to the Catho-

lic Church for greater openness.

scandal in 1982 when Italy's pri-

vate Banco Ambrosiano, of

which the Vatican Bank owned a

small part, collapsed with debts

Last year Italy's Supreme

warrants for the arrest of

Court quashed as unconstitution-

Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the

Vatican Bank's American presi-

dent, and two fellow executives

on charges of complicity in

money for religious orders and is

not included in the Holy See's

partner, riddled with corruption,

corruption that has reached into

the president's cabinet, to the

Pentagon, from defence contrac-

tors to Wall Street. And yet, it

was a Democratic Congress this

week that spoke of the shared vision with the American people

and Mike Dukakis in passing a

tough ethics bill that covered

ourselves and those who tried to

profit from their connections,"

Without mentioning either

He did note that Congress had

passed all its spending bills on

time this year, instead of bund-

ling them into a huge, emergency

piece of legislation.

presidential candidate by name,

Reagan touted Bush's anti-tax

Eckart said.

The Vatican Bank manages

fraudulent bankruptcy.

the fund and was stripped of tax already has included 1,100 firms

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of \$1.2 billion.

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Libya's desert river to flow next year

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AMMAN (J.T.) — The Amman

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BREGA, Libya (R) - Fresh water will start flowing from the edge of the Sahara to Libya's parched coastal plains next year in an irrigation scheme which Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi calls the eighth wonder of the

The first phase of the "great man-made river," one of the world's largest engineering projects, has passed the half-way mark, officials told reporters during a recent visit to the coastal oil town of Brega 700 kilometres east

of Tripoli. Libya has persevered with the multi-billion dollar scheme despite a hard currency crunch caused by the falling world price

of oil, its main source of revenue. The goal is self-sufficiency in fruit, vegetables and wheat and drinking water for the country's four million people, most of

whom live along the coast. . "We need the water very, very badly," said Othman Jaouda, manager of a U.S.-designed plant in Brega that makes segments of concrete pipe.

From the air, pipe sections lined up along the route look like beads of a necklace strung along the desert sand. The first phase consists of 1,900

kilometres of pipe from wells 350 metres deep at Sarir and Tazerbo to the coastal cities of Sirte and

A contract for the second phase, to serve the capital Tripoli from wells in western Libya, is due to be awarded by the end of this year, Jaouda said.

Oil prospectors discovered vast underground aquifers in the 1970s deep in the Libyan desert. 'Our problem was that the water. was in a place with few inhabitants," Jaouda said.

"Either we brought the water to the people or settle people near the water. Moving the people is very hard."

A \$3.3 billion turnkey contract for the first phase was signed in 1983 with the South Korean construction firm Dong A. Some 4,000 Koreans, many living in a tidy camp near here, make the pipes, dig the line, and transport and lay pipe.

Jaouda said the first phase was four to five months behind schedule, which he attributed to unexpected logistical problems -- including unexploded World War II mines buried along the coast.

Most of the factory equipment, including cranes and rails, was made in the United States.

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Jordan to benefit

Turkey completes study on water for Arab countries Financial Market (AFM) has re-cently published in English its

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Turkey has completed a study for a \$21 billion project to channel Saudi Arabia and the Gulf, a

Turkish diplomat said Sunday. Embassy First Secretary Naci Saribas said the plan called for two separate pipelines pumping at least six million cubic metres daily from the rivers Seyhan and

He said it would take 8-10 years to complete.

"Our desire is to submit... this excess water to the benefit of friendly and brotherly Arab countries." Saribas said.

He said the western branch of "the peace water pipeline." would supply Syria. Jordan and water from Turkish rivers to parts of Saudi Árabia — including Tabuk, Yanbu, Medina, Mecca and Jeddah.

The western pipeline would have 11 pumping stations using 900 megawatts of power along a 2,650-kilometre route.

The Gulf pipeline would cross Saudi Arabia to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

That branch would require 600 megawatts of power for five pumping stations across a 3.900-

Estimated cost for the western pipeline is around \$8.5 billion and another \$12.5 billion for the Gulf pipeline, Saribas said. He said Turkish experts and

consultants from the American firm Brown and Root already had visited Syria, Jordan, Kuwait, Oatar, Bahrain and Oman to collect technical information for

the project. International and regional experts have warned that the Guif countries are depleting their natural aquifers faster than nature can replenish them and the area will face a water shortage in the coming years.

Exchange president stresses reforms to reassure investors

WASHINGTON (R) — More reforms are needed to bolster investor confidence in stock markets and reduce the risk of another collapse like the one a year ago, the chairman of the American Stock Exchange said Sunday.

"I don't think it would happen again quite in the same way, Arthur Levitt said in a televised interview. "But unless we make some significant additional changes, I remain concerned about the future."

Wall Street share prices suffered their sharpest plunge in history Oct. 19, 1987.

Levitt said two recommendations made by a presidential commission were necessary but had not been carried out.

"Number one, to have a joint central clearing facility which would clear all trades in futures. options and in the underlying securities," Levitt said. "That hasn't happened yet."

"Secondly, the important recommendation to have a joint regulatory authority so that the rules for futures, the rulesfor underlying securities, are made by the same body.

"Today they remain redundant, sometimes contradictory, and that remains a problem to be met before we can get the public to come back into this market-

Levitt said he hoped the stock markets' self-regulatory agencies could act soon to head off more onérous legislative changes.

"I think the Congress is impatient in the face of a laissez-faire

SAIB net profit rises over 100%

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Invest-ment Bank (SAIB), the kingdom's smallest joint venture bank, said its third quarter profit more than doubled from the same

period a year ago.

In an unaudited statement appearing in the Arabic press. SAIB said its net profit for the nine month period ending Sept. 30 rose to 14.3 million riyals (\$3.8 million) from 6.2 million (\$1.7 million) last year.

It said operating income climbed 22.3 per cent to 44.3 million riyals (\$11.8 million) while loan provisions were left unchanged at 30 million (\$8 mil-

Total assets fell to 3.92 billion riyals (\$1 billion) from 4.23 billion (\$1.1 billion) in 1987. Loans and advances also de-

clined 3.8 per cent to 730.5 million riyals (\$195 million) while total deposits fell 8.8 per cent to 3.62 billion (\$965 million).

Many Saudi banks have made strong improvements in profita-bility during 1988 after years of declining earnings in the post oil-boom period.

Bankers say they have tackled many of their bad loans to the private sector, axed overhead costs, and received a boost from rising finierest rates.

SAIB is 15 per cent owned by Chase Manhattan Bank, 10 per cent by National Industrialisation Company, and eight per cent each by National Commercial Bank, Riyadh Bank and the General Organisation for Social Insurance.

Bank Al Jazira, the Industrial Bank of Japan, J. Henry Schroder Wagg Co. Limited, each own five per cent of the bank with the remaining 36 per cent held by the Saudi public.

administration and my concern is that the Congress may over-reg-

Levitt said the U.S. presidential candidates — Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis — had neglected the issue of how to cut the huge federal budget deficit, which he said was unsettling investors.

ulate," he said.

As a result, "the public gains no reassurance in terms of the ability of our national leaders to meet this critical problem," he

The deficit is the most serious problem facing the United States.

markets' plunge last year still

He said the reasons for the were poorly understood and suggested there should be a "nonpar-

tisan impartial, long-term study of our markets... headed by someone of impeccable credentials" to reassure the public.

He said it was a legitimate question whether small investors believe they are treated as well as big institutional buyers and said a study might help persuade them to return to the market.

John Dingell, chairman of the House of Representatives Energy Committee, appearing on the same TV programme, said another stock market collapse was possible because of the huge U.S. national debt and budget

Dingell said "the little guy sees the market as a crapshoot" and the Reagan administration has opposed recommendations for re-

UAE firm to set up new lubricant plant

ABU DHABI (R) — The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company for Distribution (ADNOC-FOD) will set up a new \$12 million lubricant plant to meet growing demand. a newspaper said Saturday.

The Arabic daily Al Bayan quoted Salim Abu Nuwais, head of the company's marketing department, as saying the new plant would produce 30,000 tonnes of

lubricants a year.

ADNOC-FOD, the largest lubricant distributor in the United

Arab Emirates (UAE), currently produces 36,000 tonnes per year. Competitive prices brought on by low production costs have boosted demand for the company's products by around seven per cent during the past four years. Officials said last month they planned to enter new markets in Africa and Europe.

Nuwais told Al Bayan ADNOC-FOD was also planning to set up 31 petrol stations in the UAE's northern emirates, bringing the company's stations to

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Sunday rates					
	Central officia	l Bank I rates	Market rates		
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U.S. dollar	420.0	422.0	444.1	451.7	
Pound Sterling	741.5	743.2	766.0	787.0	
Deutschemark	232.8	234.0	244.9	249.3	
Swiss franc	275.7	277.1	281.7	291.0	
French franc	68.1	68.4	70.9	72.8	
Japanese yen (for 100)	332.0	333.7			
Dutch guilder	206.3	207.3	_	_ !	
Swedish crown	67.5	67.8	67.0	69.0	
Italian lira (for 100)	31.2	31.4	_	_	
Belgian franc (for 10)	110.9	111.5	_	1	
Saudi riyal	_	_	116.1	117.4	
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Syrian lira	_	_	10.2	10.3	
Iraqi dinar	_	_	275.0	285.0	
Kuwaiti dinar	_	_	1553.2	1561.7	
Egyptian pound (new)	_		190.0	198.3	
Egyptian pound (old)	_	_	180.0	188.3	
UAE dirham	_	_	118.2	119.5	
Qatari riyal	_	_	119.5	120.5	
Omani riyal	_	_	1145.0	1160.0	
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China to trace lost foreign currency PEKING (R) — China plans to explosion in foreign trade since donated some of its profits to a that the state council, or cabinet, trace foreign currency that has 1979 has 26 ven officials many welfare fund for the handicap had formed 27 work groups to been channelled into private over- opportunities for such corrup- ped, was told to sever its ties to organise the vast review that

seas bank accounts as part of its tion. Widespread corruption has threatened to undermine the pre-It quoted Finance Minister stige of the government and the ruling Communist Party.

Saturday, People's Daily quoted Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang as warning that corruption, if left unchecked, could trade, would be a focus of a sweeping review of state-run endanger a broad programme of economic reforms begun in 1978. Chinese economists say that target will be to check receipts and many state firms divert foreign currency earned from exports to

and to see how much turned bank accounts abroad for use by over to the central government," their employees. China announced Saturday "We will also look at the ques-n of private accounts set up review would be the China Kang tion of private accounts set up Hua Development Corporation, In the Maoist era, China had a trading and investment firm

limited foreign trade, making it associated with the crippled son nearly impossible for officials to of senior leader Deng Xiaoping. divert money abroad. But an The company, which has

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4,000 athletes to participate in **Paralympics in Seoul**

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Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, eccable ore planned to make his first visit to a Paralympies next week, and talks as a legin would be renewed on efforts to open the Olympic games to disabled athletes.

"Disabled people can do unique uver, and things in the sports arenas, just as persuade : well as the able-bodied. Disabled sportsmen want the same honour is other sportsmen," Bromann ntaine E. said.

He said that the Paralympics. an international games for the tlarket on disabled, would be held even after disabled athletes were perbi and by mitted in Olympic sports but would consist of competitions "in sports not included in the IOC Olympics.

This year's largest-ever Paralympics, scheduled Oct. 14-15, has competitions in 16 sports. As

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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GOREN BRIDGE

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of Sunday there were 4,000 participants from 60 nations.

Four nations have protested a quota system which they claim limited the numbers of athletes they could send. The United States, Sweden, Denmark and West Germany said they were told to limit their delegations because of space at Paralympic village where athletes and coaches are housed.

The ICC said that in 1984, when arrangements were made with the South Korean government, the highest number in attendance at a Paralympics had been 2,500. The ICC said it requested accommodation for 4,000 and when the reservations total-led nearly 6,000, numbers had be cut back.

Meetings between the IOC and the ICC started in 1983, Bromann said, and resulted in sports for disabled athletes being added to recent Olympics as demonstration events. Wheelchair races took place during last month's Olympics in Scoul.

In addition, over the last two years, disabled athletes have competed in international competitions such as Track and Field in Rome, swimming in Barcelona and skiing in West Germany.

Bromann, blinded by an accident at age 10, was a Paralympic athlete in 1976 and 1980. He said he was frustrated that he was considered a disabled person instead of an athlete.

"Some say eight to 10 per cent of the world's population are disabled," he said. "In some countries, people think that if you're disabled, you must have done something bad in your for-

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Drury two-club bid to check on the

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then led a club from the dummy. The heart continuation was ruffed,

a club was ruffed on the table and

declarer returned to hand with the

king of diamonds to ruff another

club. Since trumps split favorably,

declarer was able to come back to hand with another ruff, and his

By Harris

West did the best he could by

advance sacrifice.

Jordan scores polo victory

The Jordanian national polo team beat the British national polo team 4-2 in a friendly match held in Zarqa Sunday. The captain of the Jordanian team, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, received a trophy (photo above) from Sheikh Salman Ibn Hamad Ibn Issa, son of the crown prince of Bahrain, who is currently on a visit to Jordan

Amman Little League Football

Scores Friday, Oct. 14, 1988

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Thursday Oct 13, 1988 replay —

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U.S. college football

Notre Dame defeats Miami 31-30

NEW YORK (AP) - Fourth-ranked Notre Dame broke a 14-14 tie midway through Auburn improved to 5-1. got its long-awaited revenge Saturday, defeating top-ranked Miami 31-30 as free safety Pat Terrell broke up a two-point conversion pass with 45 seconds left.

for three years to make up for an embarrassing 58-7 loss to Miami. The fighting Irish, as the team is known, sought revenge last year but lost, 24-0.

With Miami's losing for the first time in 36 regular-season games, the no. 1 ranking in the nation is up for grabs.

Second-ranked University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) bid for the top spot by beating California 38-21 as quarterback Troy Aikman threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third score.

Third-ranked Southern California remained unbeaten by withstanding the same threat as did Notre Dame. No. 16 Washington was within 28-27 with 1:21 to go when Cary Conklin's 2-point conversion pass was too low for Vince Weathersby.

Georgia Tech, winless against major-college competition since 1986, dominated from the opening snap in mauling no. 8 South Carolina 34-0, and Vanderbilt handed no. 20 Florida its second straight loss, 24-9.

In the other games matching ranked teams, no. 7 Nebraska won a 63-42 shootout with no. 10 Oklahoma State.

In other games involving the top ten, it was no. 5 Florida State 45, East Carolina 21, and no. 9 Oklahoma 70, Kansas state 24.

In the second ten, it was no. 11 Clemson 49, Duke 17; no. 12 Auburn, 42, Akron 0; No. 14 Wyoming 55, New Mexico 7, No. 15 Michigan and lowa played to a 17-17 tie: No. 17 Arkansas 27. Texas 24; No. 18 Indiana 33, Minnesota 13, and no. 19

Notre Dame had been waiting Louisiana State 15, Kentucky 12; No. 4. Notre Dame 31, no. 1

Miami 30. Mistakes hurt Miami, particularly in the late stages.

With 3:52 left to play, Fullback Cleveland Gary Caught a 10-yard pass from Walsh but fumbled at the Notre Dame 1-vard line as he struggled to squirm into the end zone. Linebacker Michael Stonebreaker recovered for the

With 3:37 remaining, defensive end Frank Stams stripped the ball from Walsh as he cocked his arm to pass, and nose guard Chris Zorich recovered at the 28. No. 2 UCLA 38, California 21

Aikman, with 16 touchdown passes this season, threw 52 yards to Paul Richardson in the first quarter and 40 yards to Reggie Moore in the second quarter for touchdowns. His 1-yard sneak just before halftime gave the Bruins a 24-10 lead.

No. 3 University of Southern California 28, No.16 Washington 27.

Rodney Peete ran for one touchdown and threw for another and Scott Lockwood rushed for 133 yards for USC, 6-0 overall and 40 in the Pacific-10. Conklin ran for the first touchdown for Washington, 4-2 and 1-2, and then threw three touchdown passes to Brian Slater after USC had built a 21-7 advantage.

No. 5 Florida State 45, East Carolina 21

Chris Parker scored two touchdowns and rushed for 158 yards and Chip Ferguson threw two scoring passes for fifth-ranked Florida State, 6-1. The Seminoles added a 73-yard scoring run as two bad snaps — for all its points.

the second period on Ferguson's 17-yard touchdown pass to Ronald Lewis.

No. 7 Nebraska 63, No. 10 Oklahoma State 42

Nebraska, averaging 45 points a game, was led by quarterback Steve Taylor, who ran for three scores and passed for two. Tail-back Ken Clark contributed 256 yards and three scores.

Georgia Tech 34, No. 8 South Carolina 0

Andre Thomas intercepted two passes, returning one 51 yards for a touchdown and the other 10 yards to set up Stefen Scotton's short scoring run, as Georgia Tech ended a 15-game losing streak against division 1-A

Tech, defying its underdog status, ripped to a 31-0 lead and

No. 9 Oklahoma 70, Kansas State

Oklahoma ran for an national collegiate Athletic associationracord 768 yards, including 123 by quarterback Charles Thompson, who scored three touchdowns and passed for another all in the first period. Reserve halfback Eric Mitchel added 161 yards and two touchdowns on just six carries as Oklahoma ran up 829 total yards.

No. 11 Clemson 49, Duke 17

Fullback Tracy Johnson scored twice and quarterback Rodney scores for Clemson, 5-1. Duke, losing for the first time in seven games, got only 209 passing yards from quarterback Anthony Dilweg.

No. 12 Auburn 42, Akron 0

Stacy Danley rushed for two touchdowns and James Joseph

No. 14 Wyoming 55, New Mexico Dabby Dawson gained 179 yards and defensive end Dave Edeen returned an interception 78 yards for a score as Wyoming.

the class of the Western Athletic

Conference, ran its record to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the league.

No. 15 Michigan 17, Iowa 17 Iowa defensive end Joe Mott wrestled the ball from Michigan's Tracy Williams at the Hawkeyes' 1-yard line with 1 minute, 21 seconds left to preserve the tie. Ironically, Iowa lost a touchdown the same way, when Tony Stewart fumbled at the Michigan 1 in

the third quarter. No. 17 Arkansas 27, Texas 24

Quarterback Quinn Grovey ran 21 vards for a touchdown and set up two other scores as Arkansas, 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the Southwest conference, won for only the second time in three

decades at Austin, Texas. No. 18 Indiana 33, Minnesota 13

Anthony Thompson rushed for 139 yards and three touchdowns as Indiana, 5-0-1 overall, defeated Minnesota 33-13. Thompson's 18 points made him Indiana's career scoring leader with 204 points.

Vanderbilt 24, No. 20 Florida 9

Eric Jones threw to Steve Kosanovich on a fourth-down play to give the Commodores, 3-3, a 17-9 lead with 9:42 left. Jones found Kosanovich in a cor-Williams accounted for two other - ner of the end zone to complete an 80-yard march that put Vanderbilt in control.

> No. 19 Louisiana State University 15, Kentucky 12

LSU, 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the Southeastern Conference, took advantage of three Kentucky mistakes — a blocked punt and

SPORTS IN BRIEF

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Dodgers defeat Athletics

LOS ANGELES (R) — The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Oakland Athletics 5-4 Saturday in the opening game of the best-of-seven world series.

Mottet wins tour of Lombardy cycling

MILAN (AP) - Charly Mottet won the tour of Lombardy cycling race Saturday, finishing the 260 kilometres from Como to Milan 1 minute and 40 seconds ahead of second-place Gianni Bugno of

Greece maintains lead in world bridge Olympiad

.VENICE (R) — Moving into the final phase of the world team bridge Olympiad qualifiers, the leading group A teams won their 21st-round matches Saturday. In a crucial group A encounter Ireland held Italy to 14-16 despite an eye injury that benched Rex Anderson for all three of Saturday's matches. Group A finish their schedule Monday and group B Tuesday. With four qualifying positions at stake in each group, the critical factor now is who meets who in the pre-ordained schedule. Greece leads with 429 points followed by Austria with 425 points.

Kasparov crushes Korchnoi

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REYKJAVIK (R) - Soviet world chess champion Garry Kasparov crushed Soviet emigre grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi

tournament being played in Iceland. The win brought Kasparov within half a point of the tournament leaders. Soviet grandmasters Mikhail Tal and Alexander Beljavsky. Tal drew with Icelander Margeir Petursson while Beljavsky extracted a victory from Hungarian Lajos Portisch in 57 moves.

Saturday to move up to joint third place in the world cup

Navratilova, Mecir win tournaments

FILDERSTADT (R) - Result of the final of the \$250,000 Filderstadt women's tennis tournament Sunday 1-Martina Navratilova (U.S.) beat 2-Chris Evert (U.S.) 6-2, 6-3. Meanwhile in other tennis news in Hong Kong, the final results of the Hong Kong Men's Invitational Tennis tournament Sunday were: No. 3-Miloslav Mecir (Czechoslovakia) beat No. 1-Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 7-6 (7-2) 6-4, 6-1. Mecir collects \$60,000. Results of play-off between losing semi-finalists — No 2-Andre Agassi (U.S.) beat Nicholas Pereira (Venezuela) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Yugoslav wins Australian tennis tournament

SYDNEY (AP) - Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia ended a two-year dry spell Sunday, defeating American Richard Matuszewski to win the \$510,000 Australian indoor tennis championship. Fifth-seeded Zivojinovic out-muscled Matuszewski of New York to collect the \$78,500 first prize 7-6 (10-8), 6-3, 6-4 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

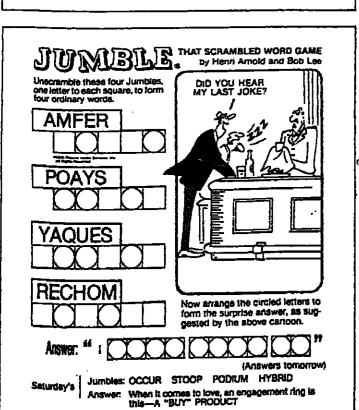
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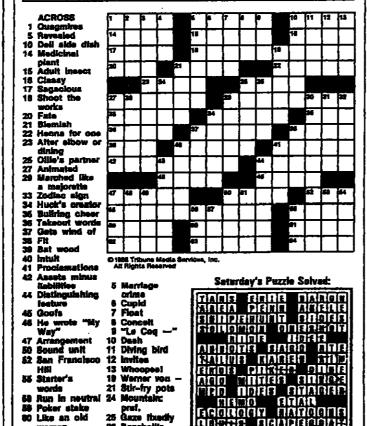
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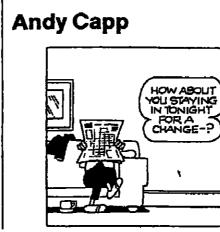


"My exercise trampoline is broken. Can I jump on your belly for 20 minutes?"





THE Daily Crossword by Norma Steinberg









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Britons cross

channel on wings

CALAIS, France (AP) - A man

and a woman crossed the English

Channel Friday, each standing on

the wing of a biplane. Douglas Penn, 57, and Ann Jackson, 56,

both of Britain, said they wanted

to attract attention to the need

for research on cancer and heart

disease. Their stunt, each stand-

ing on a different plane, took

them on a trip of about 30

kilometres from the English coast

CHICAGO (AP) — It's not as

far-reaching as arms control, but proof that glasnost is on a roll can

be seen almost daily in a Chicago

studio where U.S. and Soviet

filmmakers are producing a rock

video. The project, the brainchild of recent philosophy graduate

Robert Kath, brings together

seven students from Northwest-

ern University and Moscow's Vic-

tor Gerasimov Institute of Cine-

matography. The Americans

spent three weeks in the Soviet

Union last month, and the

Soviets are nearing the end of a

similar stint in the United States.

Both sides are represented by full

crews - producers, directors and

cinematographers — that have

thrashed out their creative differ-

ences for the video and an accom-

panying 30-minute documentary.

"The most surprising thing."
Kath said, "is how their eyes seem to land on the same things

as ours — the jazz musicians

playing in the subway, the weal-thy bankers walking down Lasalle

AMERSFOORT, Netherlands

(AP) — Dutch police have arrested a 10-year-old girl and her

twin brother after the children

attempted to smuggle 6.5 kilog-

rammes of cocaine into the

Netherlands, police said Satur-

day. The children's 37-year-old

mother, their 59-year-old grand-

mother, an aunt and two uncles

also were arrested for their

alleged involvement in the smug-

gling ring, according to Amers-

foort Police Spokesman Rudd Ti-

jssen. The children were carrying

the cocaine concealed in a small

arrived at Amsterdam's Schiphol

airport on a flight from Curação

last Thursday, Tijssen said, "We

don't think they really knew'

what they were carrying, Tijssen

10-year-old twins

arrested in bust

U.S.-Soviet joint

rock video

Savimbi: Southern Africa peace process irreversible

JAMBA, Angola (AP) — UNITA guerrilla chief Jonas Savimbi has said negotiations to remove Cuban soldiers from Angola and push Namibia (South West Africa) towards independence were at a difficult stage, but the peace process was irrev-

"I don't see how the process can be interrupted." Savimbi said in an interview at a UNITA supply camp. "It can only be expedited. I don't see how the clock can be turned back.'

He said the main issue was how many Cuban troops would leave Angola within the first year of an expected two-year period for total withdrawal. All but 5,000 should go in the first year, Savimbi said in the interview Friday.

Angola, Cuba, South Africa and U.S. mediators have been holding periodic talks since may to negotiate the removal of more than 50,000 · Cuban troops in Angola and independence for

Discussions are expected to resume in Brazzaville, Congo, in about a week to meet a Nov. 1 target date for implementing a one-year U.N. independence plan for Namibia, Savimbi said.

Angola - has not participated in the discussions but Savimbi said he has conferred separately with both U.S. and South African representatives. They are trying to maintain a

certain degree of optimism," Savimbi said of the four-party negotiations.

for the Total Independence of

Savimbi moves elusively through the bush, rarely spending more than a night at one place. He was interviewed by the AP and the New York Times in a thatched meeting room at dawn, after hours of driving, at times during the ride, even the reporters' UNITA escorts were not sure where he was.

The location was Luangundo

UNITA — the National Union B, a supply camp separated from Jamba, UNITA's grass-hut headquarters in southeastern Angola, by 18 hours of bone-crunching travel along rutted trails in an open truck, through hail and broiling sun. The interviewers emerged to file their stories from South Africa Sunday.

Savimbi said South African fears of Cuban interference in Namibian independence would not be eased unless most of the Cubans left in the first year.

Savimbi said interests of the United States, South Africa and UNITA would not be damaged if a small number of Cubans remained after 12 months in defensive positions around Luanda, the capital, and in Cabinda, the oilproducing enclave



Vietnamese soldiers in Kampuchea's Kompong Cham province. The Vietnamese government announced Sunday that it was planning another

partial withdrawal of its forces from its neighbour before December (File photo)

Hanoi declares another pullout

BANGKOK (AP) — Vietnam said Sunday that it will complete its planned withdrawal of 50,000 troops from Kampuchea on sche-

dule in December. That would leave about 50,000 Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea after this year, a Vietnamese official has said. The

Hanoi government has pledged to

withdraw all its forces by 1990. The proposed withdrawal would be the largest of several annual pullouts announced by Vietnam. In late June, Hanoi staged a ceremony to hail the withdrawal of its military High Command and about 13,000

A joint communique issued Sunday by Vietnam and the Kampuchean government in Phnom

Penh said withdrawals of a number of units were conducted in July, August and September.

"The remaining units will be withdrawn monthly from now to the end of 1988..." said the com-The communique, carried by

the official Vietnam news agency monitored in Bangkok, invited representatives of foreign countries, international organisations. news organisations and others to observe the withdrawal.

Reporters have covered past pullouts. Non-communist nations have not sent representatives.

The United Nations is shortly expected to adopt its 10th consecutive yearly resolution calling for a complete Vietnamese withdrawal. A new element in this

year's draft resolution is a call for effective international supervision and control" of the pullout. In an Oct. 4 interview in Hanoi, Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach said

the pullout was slowed after June because of the rainy season in Kampuchea.

.Vietnam's pledge to withdraw all its troops by 1990 is being taken with increasing seriousness but has raised fears of a return of the Khmer Rouge regime in Kampuchea.

Western diplomats say they suspect the Khmer Rouge guerrillas will step into the power vacuum and attempt to regain control. Vietnam's invasion ended their bloody reign of terror.

coup with Ivory Coast visit

Coast (R) - South Africa pulled with a meeting this weekend bethe continent's elder statesman, Houphouet-Boigny.

day in the Ivory Coast capital Yamoussoukro was the first offident to this prosperous pro-West-

It was Botha's fourth foray since September into black Africa to try to win friends.

Africa has been treated as a pariah by most African states because of its apartheid policy of race segregation.

Ivorian officials were at pains to stress that Botha had asked for the meeting which gave him the unprecedented opportunity of

Houphouet-Boigny, at 83 black Africa's longest serving president, has advocated dialogue with Pretoria since 1971. He secretly met former South African Prime Minister John Vorster According to diplomats, Botha

also once met Houphouet-Boigny Botha began his push to break Pretoria's diplomatic isolation with visits to Mozambique and

Malawi in September, and to Zaire Oct. 1. South Africa also started talks in May this year with Angola, Cuba and the United States on independence for Namibia, which Pretoria rules in defiance of the United Nations, coupled with a

timetable for the departure of Cuban troops from Angola. Cuba has an estimated 50,000 troops in Angola to help the Marxist government fight rebels of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), who are in turn backed by Pretoria and the United

Pretoria has linked a Namibian peace agreement with a Cuban withdrawal from Angola, which borders Namibia to the north, the talks are expected to resume in the Congolese capital Brazzaville

Houphouet-Boigny is in frequent contact with UNITA chief

Heysel riot trial begins

British soccer fans go on trial Monday for the unlawful killing of 39 people, mostly Ita-lians, in riots at the Brussels Heysel Stadium.

The Britons are charged with manslaughter "by premedi-tated assault and battery" arising from the disaster May 29, 1985, when fans rampaged across the pitch before a Euro-pean Cup final and toppled a

wall on to the crowd. The tragedy, heamed by tele-vision to shocked audiences around the world, marked a new low in soccer hooliganism and led to calls throughout Europe for stiffer penalties to

The Britons, mostly in their 20s and supporters of the English club Liverpool which met Italy's Juventus that night, could be jailed for 10 years if convicted. Appearing with them will be

three Belgians — two local police officers and Albert Roosens, general secretary of Belgium's football union. The three Belgians face a

lesser charge of unlawful killing

through negligence by failing to

the Heysel ground.

Two senior European Football Association officials and the mayor of Brussels and his deputy — as representatives of the stadium's owners — have also been cited in a civil suit brought by about 100 Italian victims and their families which will be judged by the same

A lawyer for the Italians said the court would have to consider a demand for financial compensation from the victims and their dependants. He would not disclose the amount that would be sought.

Thirty-four Italians, four Belgians and one Briton died of suffocation in the disaster and

scores were injured. English soccer teams were banned from playing in

The 26 Britons were identified months after the tragedy from video and television recording of the match and 25 of them were later extradited to

After several months in jail. they were allowed to return

U.S., Philippines prepare to sign base agreement

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and the Philippines Saturday tentatively concluded an agreement on continued operation of American military bases in the Pacific nation and hoped to sign it Monday, a U.S. official said.

"We are planning for a signing Monday," the official told Reuters Saturday night. "But it's not a done deal... we don't have final approval on it" from either the U.S. or the Philippine side, he

The official, who asked not to said Secretary of State George under which the United States 'lion a year

Shultz and Philippine Foreign Minister Raul Manglapus were scheduled to sign the agreement Monday.

The accord would provide the Philippines with nearly \$1 billion in aid over the next two years, he

The official and other members of the Reagan administration had said Friday the last major obstacle to an agreement, after months of acrimonious negotiations, was Manila's demand for relief for its

\$28.95 billion in foreign debt. Congressional sources told in the Asian-Pacific region. Reuters then the State Depart-

not necessarily undertake, a scheme in which Philippine bonds would be swapped for bonds backed by Washington. They said this would be done in

would promise to consider, but

a letter, separate from the base agreement.

In addition to the debt-relief scheme, Manila had demanded \$1.2 billion per year as compensation for U.S. use of Subic Bay Naval Base, Clark Air Base and several smaller installations considered key to the U.S. presence

The United States, as of Fristill needed to be resolved but ment had proposed a compromise day, had offered about \$500 mil-

told the AP adding the twins were sent to stay with relatives later in the day.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) - James Earl Ray, convicted of assassinating Martin Luther King Jr., is writing a book saying the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was responsible for the slaying, and Ray's wife says their marriage is breaking up because it. Anna Sandhu Ray said her husband has informed her that she would not get any profits from the planned book. Mrs. Ray, who spoke on the couple's 10th anniversary Thursday, said she plans to seek a divorce. "He agreed that that might be the best thing for me to do," Mrs. Ray said. Ray, 60, was sentenced to 99 years in prison in 1969 when he pleaded guilty to shooting the civil rights leader the year before in Memphis. Now in Brushy Mountain State Prison in east Tennessee. Ray has since repeatedly denied his guilt and sought

King's killer writing book

a new trial. Mrs. Ray, 42, said Thursday she still believes her busband is innocent.

County upstages reluctant taxpayer

GEORGETOWN, Colorado (AP) — When Kenny Walters used 3,000 one-dollar bills to pay the county taxes on his tool-rental business, he thought his conscience was clear and the matter was closed. But County Treasurer Geraldine Thompson may have upstaged Walters. She returned his change of \$110 mostly in small coins. "I guess he was just trying to make a statement, said Thompson. I just gave him all the change I could dish out. I mean, turnabout is fair play." Walters said he enjoyed Thompson's response to his "silent protest." He said he was trying to make a point when he paid his . \$2,890 in taxes in person with an old gunpowder crate full of onedollar bills. "I don't mind paying my property taxes," said Walters. "But sometimes they (county officials) have a tendency not to realise how much money they're taking from people.

Bush, Dukakis ürge voters to ignore polls

BOSTON (R) — A confident final debate and falling further George Bush and a determined Michael Dukakis are both urging House, supporters to ignore opinion polls

For opposite reasons, Dukakis, the Democratic governor of Mas-sachusetts, and Bush, the Republican vice-president, both sought to play down the polling conducted after their second and last pres-

idential debate Thursday. "I've been in politics too long" to let over-considence creep in during the final days of the campaign. Bush told reporters in California Saturday.

"You're talking to a guy, when the polis were going the other way, who said it wasn't over." Bush said. "Watch how hard we

Dukakis, who campaigned in vote-rich California and Texas Saturday before returning to Boston, also dismissed the polls that showed him losing to Bush in the

behind in the race for the White During a chat with reporters

snowing the Republican candidate extending his lead in the U.S. presidential election.

"I can't remember a race this tight at this point in time," he said. "We've been in almost a dead heat now for the last couple of weeks." A new Los Angeles Times national poll found Bush has ex-

tended his lead over Dukakis by 52 per cent to 42 per cent. The Republican had held a lead of 47 to 40 before the debate.

In San Antonio, Texas, Dukakis alternated his speech between English and Spanish in asking an outdoor rally of some 1,500 people to press the fight.

"Little by little, step by step ...together we will win." Dukakis said, his voice hoarse from speaking at a crowded schedule of campaign stops.

Rightists favour changes in Chile

SANTIAGO (R) — Former right-wing allies of military ruler General Augusto Pinochet said changes they favoured. Saturday they were willing to consider opposition demands for constitutional changes aimed at speeding Chile's return to demo-

"The demands are important and must be considered," said former Senator Francisco Bulnes, a leader of the country's top right-wing party, National Re-

novation. Bulnes and Patricio Phillips, another former Pinochet supporter, said changes were called for in the constitution which allows the 72-year-old Pinochet to remain in power another 17 months

They did not specify what changes they favoured, but said their parties were studying reform proposals. A coalition of 16 opposition

parties appealed directly to the armed forces Friday to sidestep Pinochet and negotiate "urgent changes" in the constitution to allow early elections. The coalition, headed by

Christian Democrat Patricio Aylwin, said Pinochet was an "obstacle" to dialogue and urged government supporters to take part free elections at the shortest possible notice.

following his defeat in an Oct. 5 stitutional norms that allow some of their demands.

Pinochet to continue as armed forces chief until at least 1993. Pinochet was defeated by 55 to 43 per cent in the yes-or-no vote on extending his 15-year rule.

Under the constitution, drafted by the military in 1980 and considered undemocratic by the opposition. Pinochet can remain in power until March 11, but he must call competitive presidential and congressional elections Dec. 14, 1989.

In the first clear indication that the armed forces might agree to in negotiations aimed at holding negotiations with the opposition, air force commander General Fernando Matthei told reporters They also want changes in con- Friday he was prepared to discuss

Dutch army gears up for varying ethnic tastes

By Galina Vromen Reuter

THE HAGUE - When Dutch troops march off to training exercises next year, they will have a choice of regular, curried or porkless battle rations.

This is just one way the Dutch army is trying to adapt to an increasing influx of Muslim and Hindu conscripts swelling its ranks from the Netherland's ethnic minority com-

The military estimates that between five and eight per cent of the Dutch standing army will be Muslim or Hindu by 1995, up from about half a per cent now. In actual number, Hindus and Muslims are expected to increase from about 200 new recruits a year now to 5,000 a year in less than a decade.

Deputy Defence Minister Jan van Houwelingen last month announced a programme to ensure that minorities get a fair chance in the army, which has a long tradition of trying to make life as easy on soldiers as possible without sacrificing quality. The military has launched a drive to educate officers about minority groups.

"We want these people to take part in the army. They are part of our society and the army is part of their education in Dutch society," Lieutenant Colonel Jan van der Beek, chief of Military Social Services told Reuters in an inter-

Earlier this year, the military introduced vegetarian battle rations in part to accommodate observant Hindus, who do not eat meat from cows, and religious Muslims who eat no pork and may consume other meat only if it is ritually slaughtered.

"The vegetarian rations came because vegetarians wanted it. But we wouldn't have done it if it weren't necessary for religious minorities," said Van der Beek.

Curried battle rations for Hindus, many from the former Dutch colony of Surinam, and separate rations for Muslims. who come mostly from Morocco, Turkey and the former Dutch colony of Indonesia. will be the next innovations, he

There are 360,000 Muslims and 75,000 Hindus in the Netherlands, out of a total of population of 14.4 million. Already, Muslim and Hindu recruits are given 13.90 guilders (\$7) a day to buy their own food if it cannot be provided for them in their bar-

Moreover, officers are being taught how to be sensitive to the religious and cultural background of their troops. "Commanders must learn

that there is a difference, because that is the reality," said Sergeant Major Harold Rack, an army social worker who immigrated to the Netherlands from Surinam. Muslims and Hindus are

likely to be much more humiliated than the average Dutch soldier by being reprimanded in public because of their culture's high value on keeping face, he said.

"If a soldier must be reprimanded, we suggest doing it in private," said Rack. Regulations which had long

given Jews in the army their day of rest Saturdays were expanded in 1981 with new provisions to allow Muslims to mark their day of rest Fridays. But the army has its limits.

A Muslim soldier who went absent without leave earlier this year to observe Ramadan, a month-long holiday of dawnto-dusk fasting, was court-martialled and received a threeweek suspended sentence. He appealed the decision on

grounds the army had rejected his offer to serve an extra month in exchange for time off for Ramadan. But the appeal court upheld the sentence and fined him 500 guilders (\$250) in addition. The recruits' union VVDM,

which guards the rights of Dutch soldiers, and some Muslim and Hindu servicemen complain the army could be doing much more for them. They note that while the military has chaplains repre-

tants. Catholics, orthodox Jews and liberal Jews — it has no religious leader for Muslims or Hindus. 'We've been pressing for religious representatives for Muslims and Hindus for six years. Two government com-

senting four groups - Protes-

waiting," said Peter Paulus, a VVDM representative. The VVDM has criticised the army for not always fully informing religious Muslims and Hindus of their rights to

missions have concluded that it

is a good idea and we're still

worship in the military. "In theory, the regulations

are great. Everything is possible. In practice, it doesn't work that way," said Paulus. The regulations, for exam

ple, allow for time off for religious days. But Hindu soldier Mahesh Sewgobind believes the army is poorly adapted for his way of life.

Hindu funeral rites last 14 days, marriage ceremonies take 10 days. Dutch commanders rarely give soldiers leave for such long periods, he said. Sewgobind has been imprisoned for five days for refusing

to take part in a training exer-

cise because he had not been

provided with special food allowed in the regulations. When he is not out on special training, he bicycles home from the barracks every day to

"I am not religious out I was brought up not to eat cow or pig meat. I want to integrate in the Netherlands, but only to a certain point. I want to hold on to my identity," he told Reuters.

"I could have asked to be a conscientious objector. I didn't because I think it is good for Muslims and Hindus to serve in the army. But it's high time the army take us into consideration," he said.

Botha pulls major publicity

YAMOUSSOUKRO, Ivory, in Yamoussoukro in 1974. off the biggest publicity coup yet in its courting of black Africa tween President P.W. Botha and Ivory Coast President Felix

The five-hour stopover Saturcial visit by a South African presiem state.

White minority-ruled South

being photographed with the doven of black African leaders.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistan extends Sharia code

SLAMABAD (R) — Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan extended a decree making all Pakistani laws subject to the Islamic Sharia code. A presidential ordinance Saturday made only minor modifications to a decree issued by the late military President Mohammad Zia-Ul-Haq June 15, the official news agency APP said. Zia's ordinance died a legal death Saturday as under Pakistani law it has to be ratified by the National Assembly within four months. Zia dissolved the parliament in May though a new one is to be elected Nov. 16. Ishaq Khan, who took office on Zia's death in a plane crash two months ago, effectively extended the initial ordinance by issuing a new, almost identical decree. Zia's decree made it possible for mullahs to challenge any law as non-Islamic. such as restrictions on Muslim men taking a second wife without

permission from the first, legal sources said. Laotian drought delays polls

BANGKOK (AP) — The Laotian government said it has been forced to postpone elections due to a severe drought expected to cause significant rice shortages, according to Laotian media reports. The KPL news agency, monitored in Bangkok, said Laotian rice farmers this year will harvest only four-fifths of last year's output. Laos, one of the world's poorest countries, had an estimated per capita income of \$140 last year. One news agency report said the Council of Ministers issued a decree oct. 10 postponing elections at the prefectural and provincial levels from Oct. 23 to Nov. 20. The decree, signed by Prime Minister Kaysone Phomyihane, said election preparations had been disrupted by the drought in the central and southern provinces and plagues of

insects in the northern provinces. Castro honours shootout diplomat

HAVANA (R) - President Fidel Castro presented a medal to Diplomat Carlos Medina, who was expelled from Britain in September after he shot at a former Cuban intelligence agent, the official newspaper Granma reported Saturday. The presentation took place Friday at the headquarters of the Council of State, which awarded the medal. A written commendation said Medina had given "the only possible answer... to the miserable traitor." The "traitor" referred to Florentino Azpillaga, a veteran Cuban intelligence officer who defected to the West While in Czechoslovakia in June 1987 and went to the United States. Medina said last month that Azpillaga tried "to induce or force" him to defect. The Cuban government alleges that Azpillaga works for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

N. Ireland officer killed

BELFAST (R) — A leading member of Northern Ireland's biggest Protestant paramilitary organisation was shot dead along with one other man in a bar-room attack in east Belfast Saturday night, police said Sunday. Gunmen wearing blue overalls and balaclava hats burst into the bar and ordered customers to lie on the floor before shooting Jimmy Craig, a senior member of the Ulster Defence Association (UDA), and another man named as George Rainey. Four others were injured in the attack. It was not clear if the shooting was the result of internal feuding among Protestant paramilitary groups or a reprisal by Catholic nationalist guerrillas for an attack by Protestant gunmen on a bar in May, when three Catholics were killed.

Nigerian ship seized for cargo

NAIROBI (AP) - A judge has ordered the arrest of a Nigerian cargo ship at the Kenyan port of Mombasa after alleged disappearance of asphalt worth 6.6 million shillings (\$3.5 million) it was transporting from Pakistan, the Sunday Nation newspaper reported. The 7,207-ton River Osse, belonging to state-owned Nigerian national shipping line, docked in mombasa Sept. 20 carrying 19.929 drums of asphalt instead of the 30,924 drums Caltex Oil (Kenya) Limited claims were loaded at the Pakistan port of Karachi.